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RICK SANTORUM VISITS
GEORGETOWN FRIDAY NIGHTKAREN STEIN
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GEORGETOWN, Ohio | Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum could be the next president of the nation, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine said on Friday evening to more than 800 Republicans at the annual Brown County Lincoln-Reagan dinner.

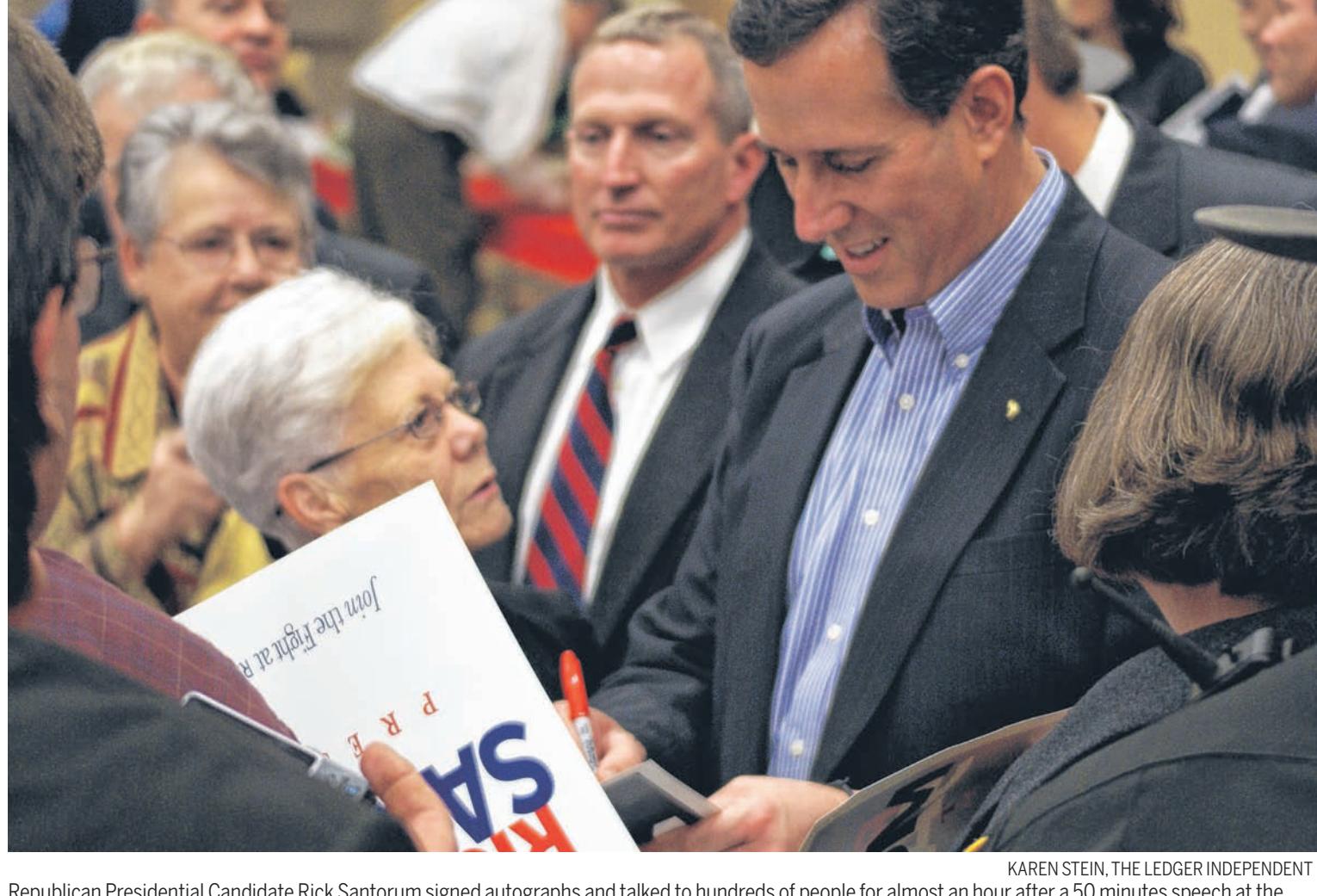
DeWine said he had been supporting Mitt Romney, but he has decided that Romney cannot win in the fall. Now, he believes Santorum has the passion to beat President Barack Obama as the GOP nominee, he said.

"People like him, he's real ... what you see is what you get. I truly believe he is the man to lead our party to victory," DeWine said.

Santorum recently won primaries in Missouri, Colorado and Minnesota, and now he is leading in some polls. He was met enthusiastically in Michigan and Ohio on Friday and Saturday, according to reports.

Appearing at Georgetown's Elementary school auditorium full of enthusiast Republicans, Santorum spoke on subjects that southern Ohioans seem concerned about — the poor economy, lack of jobs, taxes, health care, military defense, God and the constitution.

See VISIT, A2



KAREN STEIN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

Republican Presidential Candidate Rick Santorum signed autographs and talked to hundreds of people for almost an hour after a 50 minutes speech at the Georgetown Elementary School on Friday evening.

Glenn reunites
with 50-year-old
Mercury teamMARCIA DUNN
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. | John Glenn joined the proud, surviving veterans of NASA's Project Mercury on Saturday in celebrating the 50th anniversary of his historic orbital flight.

The first American to orbit the Earth thanked the approximately 125 retired Mercury workers, now in their 70s and 80s, who gathered with their spouses at Kennedy Space Center to swap stories, pose for pictures and take a bow.

"There are a lot more bald heads and gray heads in that group than others, but those are the people who did lay the foundation," the 90-year-old Glenn said at an evening ceremony attended by NASA officials, politicians, astronauts and hundreds of others.

See REUNION, A2

US, Britain urge Israel
not to attack IranJOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM | The U.S. and Britain on Sunday urged Israel not to attack Iran's nuclear program as the White House's national security adviser arrived in the region, reflecting growing international jitters that the Israelis are poised to strike.

In their warnings, both the chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, Gen. Martin Dempsey, and British Foreign Secretary William Hague said an Israeli attack on Iran would have grave consequences for the entire region and urged Israel to give international sanctions against Tehran more time to work. Dempsey said an Israeli attack is "not prudent," and Hague said it would not be "a wise thing." It was not known whether their messages were coordinated.

Both Israel and the West believe Iran is trying to develop a nuclear bomb — a charge Tehran denies.

See PEACE, A11

IWO JIMA SURVIVORS HONOR COMRADE



Paul Travis of Cincinnati, Ohio, Osborne Ford of Maysville and Paul Fredricks of Lexington all Iwo Jima Survivors stand at the gravesite of PFC Franklin R. Sousley after the flags were dropped to half staff and the taps were played during the ceremony honoring Sousley Sunday afternoon.

TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT

Muslim students monitored by NYPD

CHRIS HAWLEY
Associated Press

NEW YORK | The New York Police Department monitored Muslim college students far more broadly than previously known, at schools far beyond the city limits, including the Ivy League colleges of Yale and the University of Pennsylvania, the Associated Press has learned.

Police talked with local authorities about professors 300 miles away in Buffalo and even sent an undercover agent on a whitewater rafting trip, where he recorded students' names and noted in police intelligence files how many times they prayed.

Detectives trawled Muslim student websites every day and, although professors and students had not been accused of any wrongdoing, their names were recorded in reports prepared for Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly.

Asked about the monitoring, police spokesman Paul Browne provided a list of 12 people arrested or convicted on terrorism charges in the United States and abroad who had once been members of Muslim student associations, which the NYPD referred to as MSAs.

Jesse Morton, who this month pleaded guilty to posting online threats against the creators of "South Park," had once tried to recruit followers at Stony Brook University on Long Island, Browne said.

"As a result, the NYPD deemed it prudent to get a better handle on what was occurring at MSAs," Browne said in an email. He said police monitored student websites and collected publicly available information, but did so only between 2006 and 2007.

See RIGHTS, A11



"I see a violation of civil rights here. Nobody wants to be on the list of the FBI or the NYPD or whatever. Muslim students want to have their own lives, their own privacy and enjoy the same freedoms and opportunities that everybody else has."

TANWEER HAQ, CHAPLAIN OF
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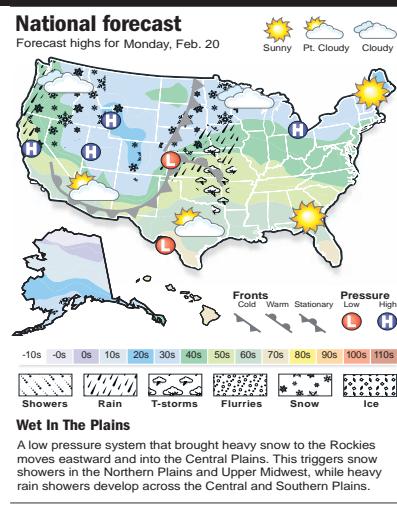
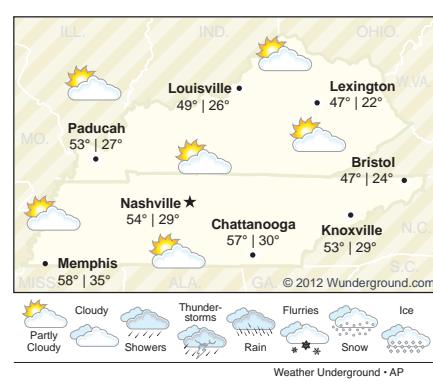
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VISIT

FROM A1

"People are beginning to recognize Barack Obama and his failed policies are issues in this election ... he has cut by half trillion the defense budget while letting other areas explode in spending," Santorum said.

He talked about the huge loss of manufacturing jobs in this country. Small town American is withering because the jobs have left the country, he said.

Americans need to create wealth by making things again, he said. America is about creating and innovating, but fewer and fewer things are made here, so the wealth is not trickling down, like it used to, Santorum said. Part of the problem is over regulation and attitude, he said. The government should find a way to work with businesses so they can succeed and so they can make things in America, Santorum said.

"When you succeed, then America succeeds ... I have laid out a plan to get the economy growing; no not the public sector econ-



RICK SANTORUM

omy, but the private sector economy," he said.

Santorum said he plans to lower personal and corporate tax rates, help small businesses, and simplify the tax code for families, workers and businesses.

This country is great because it was built from the bottom up by working people, he said. The owner's manual is the Constitution while the birth certificate is the Declaration of Independence, he said.

Santorum slammed President Obama's policies, both foreign and domestic policy, increases in welfare, an overall budget with too much spending, and lack of respect for America's allies while even shunning countries like Israel, he said.

"He is sending the country deeper into poverty and making the country a welfare state. ... Now there is Obamacare, which will dramatically increasing the deficit, increase the cost and decrease the quality of our healthcare which most oppose ... While shoving his health care plan down every American's throat," he said.

"When you succeed, then America succeeds ... I have laid out a plan to get the economy growing; no not the public sector econ-

Santorum said he is also concerned with the growing lack of respect for the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence.

"The progressive left would like to despise the Declaration of Independence. But it lives and breathes, and it is the anchor ... It is still taught in schools like are found in Brown County; it is the heart of America," he said.

He said he believes the President doesn't see Americans as exceptional nor does he see their potential. Worse, he apologizes for the U.S., Santorum said.

"We've done more for human rights than any other nation ... we might have made a few mistakes ... but we have done nothing to apologize for to another nation," he said.

"We have a common bond and a responsibility to each other, to our families, community, to keep them strong ... Ohio is the keystone. So as Ohio goes, so goes the nation. So how is Ohio going to go? ... I'll make you a deal ... I'll win Pennsylvania and you win Ohio."

In one week, Michigan will have its primary, with Ohioans voting in that state's primary election on March 6.

Santorum, 53, was born in a southwest Pennsylvania steel mill town. His grandfather was a coal miner and his father worked for the Veterans Administration, he said. He is married with seven children, who were with him in Georgetown.

Earlier in the day, the Mercury brigade traveled by bus to Launch Complex 14. That's the pad from which Glenn rocketed away on Feb. 20, 1962.

Some retirees were in wheelchairs, while others used walkers or canes.

Most walked, some more surely than others. But they all beamed with pride as they took pictures of the abandoned pad and of each other, and went into the blockhouse to see the old Mercury photos on display and to reminisce.

As retired engineer Norm Beckel Jr. rode to the pad Saturday, he recalled being seated in the blockhouse right beside Carpenter as the astronaut called out to Glenn right before liftoff, "Godspeed John Glenn."

But there's more to the story.

"Before he said that, he said, 'Remember, John, this was built by the low bidder,'" Beckel, 81, told The Associated Press.

The Mercury-Atlas rocket shook the domed bunker-like structure, although no one inside could hear the roar because of the thick walls.

"Nothing was said by anybody until they said, 'He's in orbit,' and then the place erupted," Beckel recalled.

Beckel and Jerry Roberts, 78, a retired engineer who also was in the blockhouse that historic morning, said almost all the workers back then were in their 20s and fresh out of college. The managers were in their 30s.

"Not that many," she told him. "We're going to be 55."

"Fifty-five. That's right, that's right," Roberts muttered.



"I wonder how we ever managed to launch anything in space with that kind of stuff. Everything is so digital now. But we were pioneers, and we made it all work."

BOB SCHEPP, 77

"Golly, gosh, when you get old, you forget about numbers," Scheppe piped up.

NASA's celebration of Glenn's three-orbit, five-hour flight aboard the Friendship 7 capsule began Friday at Cape Canaveral. The festivities move to Columbus, Ohio, on Monday, the actual anniversary.

Glenn will be honored at a gala at Ohio State University; its school of public affairs bears his name.

His wife of 68 years, Annie, who turned 92 Friday, and their two children are accompanying him to all the festivities.

Glenn served in the U.S. Senate for 24 years, representing his home state of Ohio. He ran for president in 1984. He returned to space in 1998 aboard shuttle Discovery, becoming the oldest spaceman ever at age 77.

Carpenter told the crowd Saturday that he's still waiting for his first shuttle ride, drawing a big laugh.

The Mercury 7 astronauts were immortalized in Tom Wolfe's 1979 book about the space program, "The Right Stuff," which was later made into a movie.

Although Wolfe suggested the nation will never see another hero of Glenn's stature, Carpenter noted,

"Maybe one day before too long the great hero John Glenn himself may be replaced by another national hero who represents the command of a Mars crew returned safely."

"John, thank you for your heroic effort and all of you for your heroic effort," Carpenter told the Mercury old-timers. "But we stand here waiting to be outdone."

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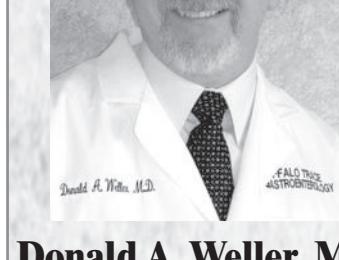
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BROWN COUNTY

Deputies arrest three in undercover drug bust

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GEORGETOWN, Ohio | After an undercover investigation by Brown County Sheriff's deputies, three people are facing multiple felony charges for allegedly selling illegal prescription pain pills, according to deputy reports.

Chief Deputy John Schadle said the group has been allegedly selling the drugs for quite a while.

"An informant came to us, then we had an undercover officer set up purchases, and it

just came together for us," he said.

Alonzo Garcia, 28, and Christina Malotte, 23, both of East Plum Street, Georgetown, were arrested on Feb. 9 for alleged multiple drug trafficking and other related charges for selling prescription pain pills, Schadle said.

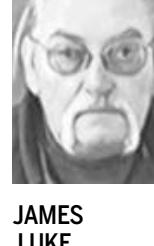
Further investigation revealed that James Luke, 66, of Ripley, was allegedly supplying the pain pills to Garcia and Malotte, who were allegedly selling them, Sheriff Dwayne Wenninger said.

Wenninger said he obtained a

search warrant from Brown County Municipal Court Judge Joseph M. Worley to search Luke's residence on Feb. 14. Deputies found \$19,000 and seized a

1996 Dodge pickup truck. Luke was arrested for alleged drug trafficking, which will be presented to the next grand jury, Wenninger said.

"It will be a matter for the judge to decide if the vehicle



JAMES LUKE



CHRISTINA MALOTTE



ALONZO GARCIA

and the money will be seized. We put in the court record, that the pickup truck was used to transport the drugs.

See ARREST, A4

Gov. Steve Beshear promotes gambling

ROGER ALFORD
Associated Press

FRANKFORT | Gov. Steve Beshear used his weekly Internet chat Friday to promote his proposal to legalize casinos in Kentucky.

The second-term Democrat has been posting weekly commentaries to YouTube throughout his tenure.

Typically, he has steered clear of hot-button issues under debate in the Legislature.

But Beshear used the latest address to lay out his argument for changing Kentucky's Constitution to allow casinos. He said residents are taking their money to casinos in neighboring states, and that if Kentucky had its own casinos, that money could be kept here.

Gambling opponents have been working feverishly to try to defeat the governor's proposal that could be voted on by a Senate committee next Wednesday.

See GAMBLE, A4

LOUISVILLE

Occupier numbers dwindle fast

Associated Press

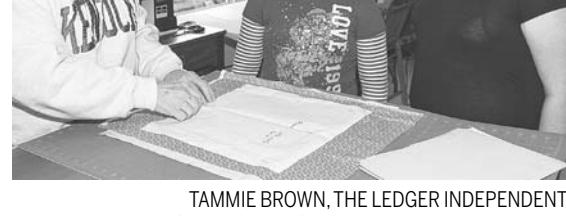
LOUISVILLE | Political activity has slowed and food donations have declined, but nearly 20 protesters remain camped at the home base for the Occupy Louisville protest.

Despite a dwindling presence at a downtown park at Fifth Street and Muhammad Ali Boulevard, the occupation in its fifth month still has meaning for many of the remaining protesters.

"I was never political. . Now I have a voice," David Barfield, a 52-year-old former telemarketer and waiter told The Courier-Journal (<http://cjky.it/26e7ED>). "I used to think nothing could change; now I feel it can. . People need to see us here."

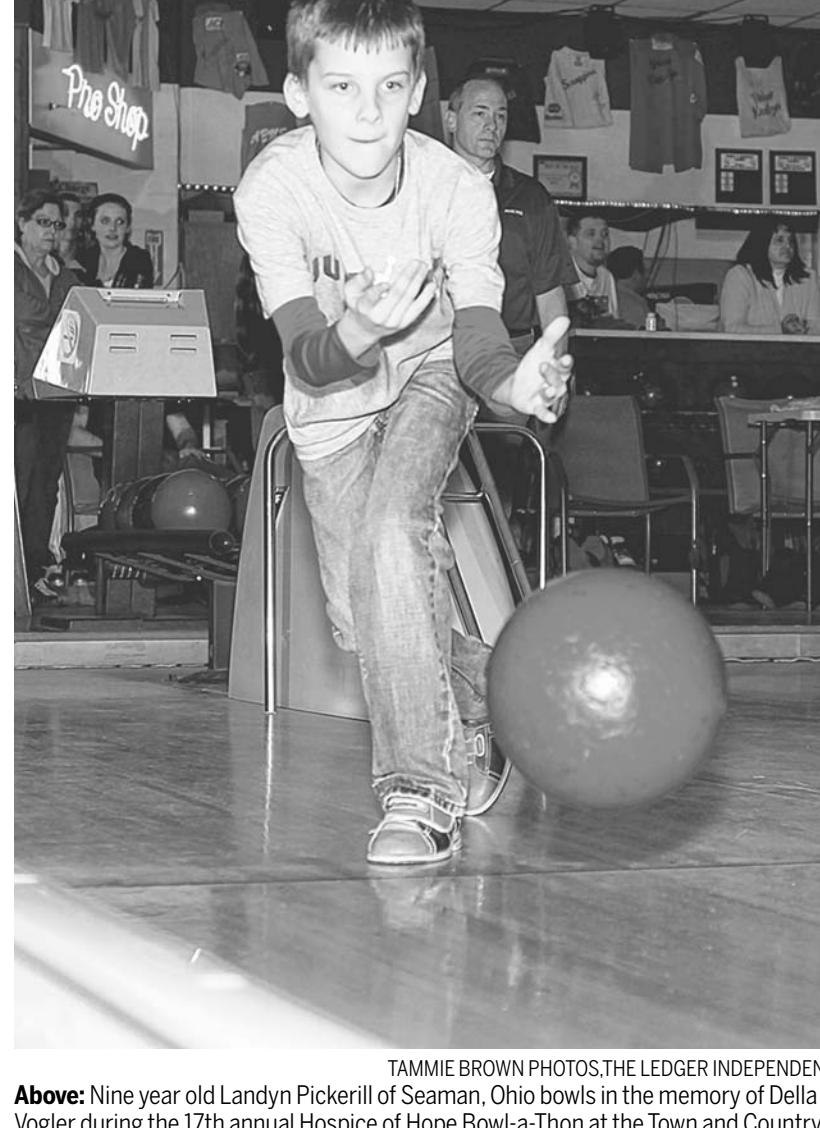
The camp, with 18 plywood-floor tents and a few picnic tables has also become a destination for some chronically or temporarily homeless. Some of them are drawn by political advocacy, others by the electricity, donated food and warm tents.

See OCCUPY, A4



TAMMIE BROWN, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
Brenda Byard of Cabin Creek Crafts instructs nine year old Paige Emmons and her sister Nikki Emmons, 12, on the proper way to pin the pattern to the materials used to make their pillows during their make-it-take-it project Saturday morning. Byard, gives quilting and sewing classes on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at her store near Burtonville in Lewis County.

HOSPICE OF HOPE BOWL-A-THON



TAMMIE BROWN PHOTOS, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT
Above: Nine year old Landyn Pickerill of Seaman, Ohio bowls in the memory of Della Vogler during the 17th annual Hospice of Hope Bowl-a-Thon at the Town and Country Bowling alley in Aberdeen, Ohio Saturday.

Below: Morgan Parker, 6, places her hand over her heart and holds the flag with the help of five year old Kaedyn Gill during the National Anthem right before the bowlers took to the lanes during the 17th annual Hospice of Hope Bowl-a-Thon Saturday.



Ohio group wants bridge preservation plan changed

JOHN JOHNSTON
Associated Press

STONELICK, Ohio | For 134 years, a covered bridge has stood over the gurgling waters of Stonelick Creek in southwest Ohio.

The one-lane, 140-foot-long span is one of about 700 such bridges nationwide.

Bicyclists, photographers and people taking country drives are drawn to its picturesque, wooded setting. One couple even bought a nearby house to be close to the bridge.

But while it's always been pretty, the wooden Stonelick Covered Bridge started to show signs of age. When a recycling truck ignored the 3-ton weight limit and damaged floor beams 21 months ago, county officials were reminded of what

they already knew: The bridge, listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1974, had to be fixed.

Nearby residents want it to be restored. The county engineer wants it to be preserved.

Those goals might sound similar, but they're different.

In the 19th century, about 15,000 covered bridges dotted the U.S. landscape.

Until about 25 years ago, the danger faced by such bridges was outright demolition. Today, the danger is "demolition through redesign," said David Wright, president of the National Society for the Preservation of Covered Bridges, based in Westminster, Vt.

See BRIDGE, A4

GM PROFITS COULD RIPPLE OUT IN BOWLING GREEN

BOWLING GREEN | With General Motors posting a \$7.6 billion profit last year, employees at the automaker's Bowling Green plant are also reaping a windfall as a part of the company's profit-sharing distributions.

Eldon Renaud, president of the United Auto Workers Local 2164, told The Daily News the money — about \$7,000 per employee — is a tremendous boost for their morale (<http://bit.ly/wLM-BVL>).

Derek Hull, a certified financial planner with Wells Fargo, said the money for GM workers could have a ripple effect on the local community because those workers will start to spend the money on things like entertainment, dining, vacations and college expenses.

About 500 full-time workers and another 100 contract workers work in Bowling Green producing the GM's Corvette. — AP

KENTUCKY FUGITIVES FOUND VIA FACEBOOK IN TEXAS

HAZARD | Two fugitives wanted in Kentucky on charges of rape and sexual abuse were caught in Texas, after police investigators found out they had been communicating with a friend on Facebook.

According to the Clay County Sheriff's Office, 44-year-old Jerry Lee Callahan and his wife, 40-year-old Rebecca Callahan, were on the run for nearly five years, but officials tracked them down recently in Victoria County, Texas.

Sheriff Kevin Johnson told WYMT-TV in Hazard that someone who knew the couple had chatted with them online through the social network (<http://bit.ly/y3p3DP>).

"They had been talking to them on Facebook, back and forth and we obtained some IP addresses," Johnson said.

The couple was arrested in August 2007 but released from jail just days before they were indicted on charges of rape, incest, sodomy and sexual abuse.

"Because it was such an enormous case, they actually posted bond before they were actually indicted and basically got out of jail and disappeared," said Johnson.

The two are expected to return to Kentucky on Wednesday and will be detained in the Clay County Detention Center until they can be arraigned in court.

Johnson credited the digital detective work in social media in helping to find the two.

"Even if you are on the run, you are going to stay in contact with friends and family which in the future it is going to be a tool that law enforcement will use and has used and will be continuing to use," Johnson said. — AP

ALLEGANT ENDS LEXINGTON-TO-LAS VEGAS FLIGHTS

LEXINGTON | Allegiant Air is ending its short-lived service between Lexington and Las Vegas this spring, but it will continue to service flights between the Blue Grass Airport and Florida.

Airline spokeswoman Jessica Wheeler told The Lexington Herald-Leader that they were using twin-engine Boeing 757 planes for the Lexington-to-Las Vegas flights, but Allegiant wants those aircraft for service to Hawaii (<http://bit.ly/AjVAH8>).

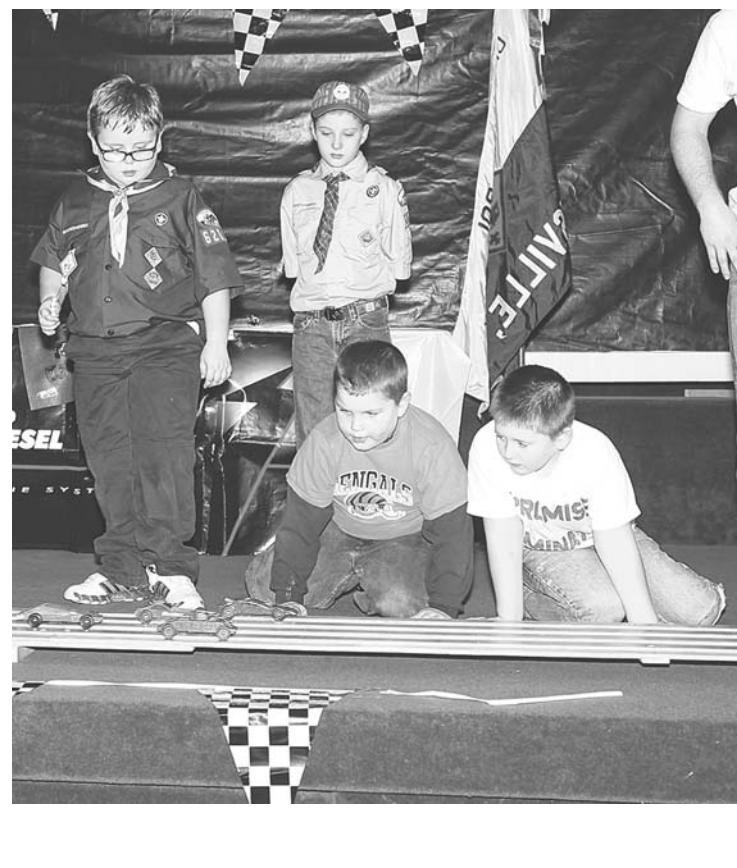
The company began service between Lexington and Las Vegas in November and the service will end on April 7.

Customers with reservations beyond that date will be contacted by Allegiant for a full refund.

The company will continue its flights from Lexington to Fort Lauderdale, Fort Meyers, Orlando and Tampa. — AP

The Maysville Cub Scout Pack 6201 held their annual Pinewood Derby at the Church of the Nazarene with over 30 participants. Wyatt Fuller, Josh Thomas, Gavin Dixon and Matthew Hedge watch as their home made constructed cars prepare to cross the finish line Saturday afternoon.

TAMMIE BROWN,
THE LEDGER
INDEPENDENT



OCCUPY

FROM A3

Barfield is homeless himself and acknowledges that most of the remaining Occupy campers are too.

But they bristle at the idea that being homeless makes them illegitimate activists. They are proud of being on-site representatives of a local movement.

"We need a physical presence. It's the only everyday direct action there is. Some of us have a place we could go," such as relatives' homes, said camper Curtis Huffines, 42, who became homeless last year.

Many other encampments around the country have been diminished by time and the cold of winter, and in the past several weeks, police in cities such as Washington, D.C., and Oakland, Calif., have moved to evict campers. In New York's Zuccotti Park, once the center of the Occupy Wall Street movement, there's only a symbolic presence after protesters were evicted in

November.

In Louisville, fears that officials would move to evict demonstrators led the group to seek a legal injunction that landed in federal court. But that was put on hold after the city recently granted a camping permit for up to 70 protesters through March 31.

It required the group to put up \$500 for electricity at the site.

Some members of the Louisville occupy movement have stopped staying overnight but continue to push for political change. Many group members meet weekly at the downtown library for a "general assembly" — where discussions range from upcoming protests to camp logistics.

Jesse Garrido said he got into political activism battling mountaintop mining and other causes living in Lexington, and when he came to Louisville, he was thrilled to read about the local Occupy movement.

"It was perfectly in line with the stuff I'd been spouting on Facebook for the last few years," Gar-

rido, 33, said.

He stayed at the Louisville camp for about six weeks, he said, before becoming frustrated by the endless meetings and the implications of holding a physical space.

"We were spending all our time on infrastructure — who is going to do the dishes — the larger issues were getting lost in the minutiae of day-to-day camp life."

Some other members are questioning whether a full-time camp is necessary to maintain.

"When it started, it was a 24/7 movement.. (but) when they realized there's nothing you can do overnight about how to run society on a grand scale, a lot of them went home," said Occupy member Robin Cook, a 38-year-old University of Louisville employee.

"If there were more people making that statement by living there, I'd be a thousand percent behind the camp," Cook said.

But "I don't see losing the camp as a danger to the movement."

BRIDGE

FROM A3

Which brings us to the preservation-versus-restoration debate surrounding the Stonelick bridge, one of about 140 covered bridges left in Ohio.

"This is history right here in our county, and it needs to be recognized and protected," said Stonelick Township resident Eileen Kromer. "Anybody can build a modern bridge. Can you keep an old one? That's the question."

Kromer is among 500 people who signed a petition opposing a preservation plan proposed by the county engineer. The petition calls instead for an "authentic, historic restoration."

That effort has been led by Tim and Catherine Rush-Ossenbeck. While on a country drive on Stonelick Williams Corner Road 32 years ago, they crossed the red bridge and saw that a house on the south side of it was for sale. They bought it that day.

"We moved out here into (our) house because of the covered bridge," said Tim Rush-Ossenbeck, a 62-year-old electrical engineer.

But neither the Rush-Ossenbecks nor anyone else has been able to use the bridge since that May incident involving the recycling truck. Clermont County Engineer Patrick Manger said he closed the span after an inspection revealed a number of damaged floor beams.

Even before that incident, plans were being made to shore up the aging structure. In 2008, Manger's office applied to the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program and received a \$360,000 federal grant, which requires a \$90,000 local match.

Manger also hired a covered bridge consultant, John Smolen, who presented five preservation options. After two public meetings, officials settled on a \$1.1 million plan that essentially involves constructing a new bridge inside the old one, which would preserve most of the old bridge. The new bridge — consisting of arches made of glued laminated timber — would support both the old bridge and vehicular traffic.

Those modifications,

Manger said, would not jeopardize the bridge's standing on the National Register of Historic Places. And even more important, in his view: The bridge's load-carrying capacity would increase, with a posted limit of 12 tons.

But Tim Rush-Ossenbeck and the pro-restoration group oppose that plan for a number of reasons. For one, the old bridge would no longer serve a functional purpose, but would simply be "window dressing."

In addition, "When you drive over the bridge, you'll see these big wooden arches (inside), but you won't really see the old trusses," Rush-Ossenbeck said. "You'll have to look closely behind those arches to see the trusses."

Trusses are what define the significance of a covered bridge, said David Simmons, president of the Ohio Historic Bridge Association. "So if you're going to do a renovation, change as little as possible of the historic fabric that is most important, and that's the trusses."

The Stonelick bridge features a Howe truss, a design patented by Massachusetts millwright William Howe in 1840.

Simmons said he believes the plan to install arches makes sense, because most of the old bridge will be left intact. But Ron Hill disagrees. He's president of the Clermont County Historical Society, and helped get the bridge on the National Register.

The arches will cause people to "get a very mistaken impression of what kind of bridge it was," he said.

What's more, Rush-Ossenbeck and others argue that increasing the bridge's load-carrying capacity to 12 tons will lead to heavy truck traffic — and compromise safety on the bridge and the narrow country road leading to it.

Rush-Ossenbeck said he has been told by J.A. Barker Engineering, a Bloomington, Ind.-based firm that specializes in covered bridge restoration, that the span could be restored by simply replacing its worn out and damaged pieces. The cost would be about \$400,000 less than Manger's plan. The load capacity could be increased further by installing unobtrusive steel rods in the trusses, he said.

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EILEEN KROMER, STONELICK TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

Manger said Rush-Ossenbeck's proposal "does not provide the safety measures that I'm going to demand we have."

Manger was ready to move ahead with the arch project. Bids were to go out soon and construction was to begin this year. But in the past few weeks, the lobbying efforts of the pro-restoration group have had an impact.

He said county commissioners Bob Proud and Ed Humphrey have asked him to try to "strike some sort of compromise." That's significant, because the commissioners must give approval for the project to go out to bid.

"We're very enthusiastic," said Rush-Ossenbeck. "It shows what citizens can do when they put their hearts and minds together."

Information from: The Cincinnati Enquirer, <http://www.enquirer.com>

GAMBLE

FROM A3

Beshear has touted gambling as a way to generate additional money for the state budget by allowing casinos to open and then taxing their revenue.

"The proposed state budget is bleak, thanks to a sagging national economy and slow-to-recover state revenues," Beshear said. "Painful cuts are being made across state government. We run a real risk of taking steps backward in areas like education, public protection, and job creation. And until our state generates more revenue, we will always fall behind."

Martin Cothran, spokesman for The Family Foundation, took exception to Beshear's explanation of

the process for amending the Constitution. He said any amendment "shall be agreed to" by the General Assembly. He also took exception to the governor's proposal specifying that most of the proposed casinos would be built at horse tracks, executives of which contributed to his re-election campaign last year.

"This governor clearly has little respect for the Constitution," Cothran charged. "If he did he wouldn't be trying to engrave the names of campaign contributors on it and he wouldn't be misrepresenting the amendment ratification process."

The governor's weekly address, which typically gets replayed on some radio stations around the state, promotes the idea of allowing Kentucky voters to decide whether to amend the Constitution. In Kentucky, lawmakers

would have to give their approval for the constitutional amendment. Then it would be placed on the November ballot to be ratified or rejected by voters.

"Potential tax revenues are leaving our state to be spent on gaming in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, and elsewhere,"

Beshear said. "This money funds their schools, their libraries, their police departments, and other improvements. It makes no sense to continue watching that happen."

The governor's Internet chat was clearly intended to motivate Kentucky residents to ask their lawmakers to pass the legislation.

"Opponents of expanded gaming should not deny their fellow citizens the right to vote on this issue," he said. "Kentuckians deserve the chance to have their votes counted in this decision."

ARREST

FROM A3

"And the money was co-mingled with the marked money we used to make the undercover purchases. And part of the money was found in the container the narcotics were also stored in," Schadie said.

If the judge allows the money to be confiscated, it will be put in the drug investigations fund. Vehicles that are seized are either used for the officers to drive while undercover or they are sold at auction. Then, that money is also put in the drug fund. Either way, the money will be furthering drug investigations, he said.

"We like the idea that drug dealers are funding further drug investigations. We are limited in how we can use the money. For example, we can't use it for officer salaries or benefits," Schadie said.

The Brown County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone with information about illegal drug activity to call the office's drug hotline at 937-378-4435, ext. 275, or send an anonymous tip to www.browncountyohiosheriff.us.



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KENTUCKY 77, OLE MISS 62

Miller sparks Wildcats to 50th consecutive home victory

REBELS ON WRONG
END OF KENTUCKY'S
WIN STREAK

LEXINGTON | When Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy was getting his team ready to hit the road against No. 1 Kentucky, he figured he had enough to talk about before mentioning the Wildcats' home win streak.

Well, the Wildcats' streak reached 50, after No. 1 Kentucky beat the Rebels 77-62 on Saturday.

"We talked about a lot of things, and that wasn't one of them," Kennedy said. "I didn't want to bring that to our guys' attention. For us, it was really about competing. They have done such a tremendous job."

Terrence Jones had 15 points and 11 rebounds to lead No. 1 Kentucky to a 77-62 victory over Mississippi on Saturday, the Wildcats' 50th consecutive win at home.

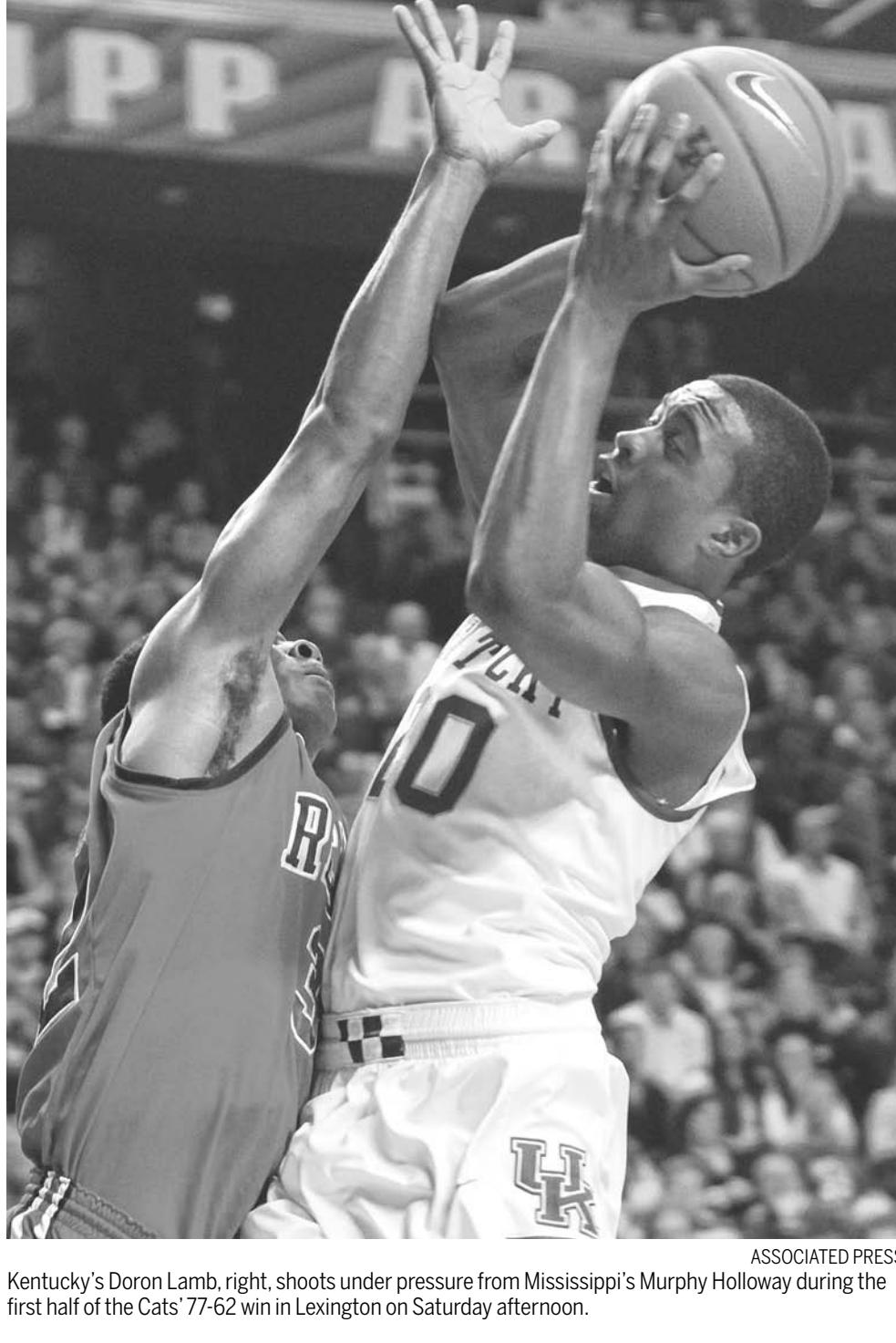
The Wildcats (26-1, 11-0 Southeastern Conference) are 49-0 at home under head coach John Calipari as part of the nation's longest active home winning streak.

Instead of stopping Ole Miss (15-11, 5-7), Anthony Davis picked up two fouls early and was forced to the bench for much of the first half. Without Davis looming, who leads the country with 4.9 blocks per game, forwards Terrance Henry and Murphy Holloway took it to the rim while Kentucky forced up 3-pointers on the other end.

"We just felt like we had nothing to lose in this game," said Henry, who led all scorers with 18 points. "We just came out and played as hard as we could to give ourselves a chance to be in this game."

At one point in the first half, the Rebels led 31-29. But as soon as they did, Darius Miller tied the game back up with a soaring dunk over Reginald Buckner.

See VICTORY, A7



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Kentucky's Doron Lamb, right, shoots under pressure from Mississippi's Murphy Holloway during the first half of the Cats' 77-62 win in Lexington on Saturday afternoon.

WITH SATURDAY SECTIONAL TITLE WINS

Lady Jays, Lady G-Men head for district

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WILMINGTON, Ohio | Brown County rivals Ripley and Georgetown will face off in a district semifinal Thursday night after each claimed a sectional crown Saturday afternoon at Wilmington High School.

The Lady Jays rode a late-second-quarter perimeter flurry and a strong inside game to a 52-38 victory against Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy right before the Lady G-Men handled East Clinton 53-31.

Ripley will look to avenge a December home defeat to Georgetown on Thursday night at Wilmington in their Division III Southwest District Springfield District semifinal.

RIPLEY 52, CINCINNATI HILLS
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY 38

The Lady Jays found themselves in a low-scoring battle for the first quarter and a half, holding their own inside but struggling to connect on shots from long range, before hitting four 3-pointers in a stretch of just over two minutes late in the second quarter.

Those treys — two apiece from reserve Jaden Royal and all-Southern Hills League performer Jessica Garrison — capped a 14-2 run to close the half that put Ripley ahead to stay.

Ripley (14-7) got 12 points from leading scorer Lydia Hamilton and 11 from all-SHL point guard Niya Royal.

The Lady Jays yielded 11 points to

CHCA's Jamie Prop and 10 to Morgan Prescott, but Ripley coach Chris Coleman will gladly take that performance against the Eagles' senior inside duo, as Hamilton, Tori Boone and Kody Gilkerson each provided solid defensive minutes down low.

The Lady Jays' pluck in the post was perhaps best demonstrated by a play late in the first quarter when Boone tied up Prescott on a rebound for a held ball, with Ripley gaining the alternating possession. Prescott frustratedly tried to rip the ball free from Boone's grasp, while Boone sported an ear-to-ear grin.

See OHIO, A7

Royals victorious, Lady Royals third in track meet

JIM VAN HOOK
For The Ledger Independent

In arguably the largest track meet in the history of the US Bank — Mason County Indoor Athletic Complex, the Mason County Royals boys' team raced to their first victory of the season.

Led by sophomore Nick Robinson's winning performance in the 1600M run, the boys' 48 points outdistanced Harrison County by five and Lloyd Memorial by seven points.

Robinson also finished third in the 3000M run.

Coach Mark Kachler said that Robinson "continues to establish himself as one of the top sophomores in Kentucky distance running."

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MASON
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COACH
MARK
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See ROYALS, A7

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Lin leads resurgent Knicks to win over Mavericks

ROOKIE SCORES
28 POINTS, DISHES
OUT 14 ASSISTS

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK | Jeremy Lin had 28 points and a career-high 14 assists, Steve Novak made four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter and the New York Knicks ended the Dallas Mavericks' six-game winning streak with a 104-97 victory Sunday.

J.R. Smith scored 15 points in his Knicks debut and Novak had all of his 14 in the final period as New York won for the eighth time in nine games.

In a game of wild momentum swings, the Knicks reeled off 17 straight points in the first quarter, fell behind by 12 in the third, then pulled it out to beat the Mavericks for only the third time in the last 20 meetings.

Dirk Nowitzki scored a season-high 34 points for the Mavericks, who had been playing championship-level defense but became the latest team who couldn't stop Lin.



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New York Knicks' Jeremy Lin, right, celebrates with teammate Landry Fields in the last moments of the Knicks' 104-97 win over the Dallas Mavericks in New York on Sunday afternoon.

See LIN, A7

EASTERN BROWN FALLS
IN SECTIONAL FINAL

The Eastern Brown Lady Warriors saw their season come to an end on Saturday afternoon when they dropped a 57-36 contest to 20-1 Frankfort Adena in a Class III sectional final tilt at Waverly High School.

The Lady Warriors, who finished with an 11-10 record, were led by senior guard Allison Prine, who scored 18 points in her final game. Sophomore forward Tressie Lewis pitched in nine points for Eastern.

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MOREHEAD STATE FALLS
AT BOWLING GREEN 73-60

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio | Scott Thomas scored 28 points, including hitting eight 3-pointers, to lead Bowling Green past Morehead State 73-60 Saturday.

Dee Brown added 19 points and Jordon Crawford had nine and 12 rebounds for the Falcons (14-12).

Both Brown and Crawford hit three 3-pointers for Bowling Green, which outshot the Eagles 53.8 percent (14 of 26) to 35.7 percent (5 of 14) from long range to win the Bracket Busters contest.

The Eagles led 11-9 less than five minutes into the game, but Crawford, Brown and Thomas all hit 3s to help fuel a 21-9 Falcons run.

They led the rest of the way, taking a 14-point advantage at halftime and holding on despite being outscored 31-30 in the second half.

Ty Proffitt had 18 points to lead Morehead State (15-14) and Drew Kelly added 12. — AP

MURRAY STATE TOPS
SAINT MARY'S 65-51

MURRAY | Isaiah Canaan scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half and senior Donte Poole added 11 as No. 16 Murray State beat No. 21 Saint Mary's 65-51 on Saturday night for its most convincing win to date over a nationally recognized opponent.

The Racers (26-1) have already clinched the Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title, but were still short of victories over quality opponents since beating Memphis in early December before hosting this Bracket Buster matchup with the Gaels.

It was never very close.

Murray State jumped out to a 10-2 lead and never trailed, building a double-digit advantage early in the second half and cruising from there in front of a sold-out CFSB Center.

Matthew Dellavedova scored 17 points for Saint Mary's (23-5), which has lost three of four.

Now the Gaels will face a 2,300-mile trek home and questions about their NCAA tournament resume. — AP

WKU REMOVES INTERIM
TAG FROM RAY HARPER

BOWLING GREEN | Western Kentucky is keeping Ray Harper as head coach.

Athletic director Ross Bjork announced the move Sunday after Harper was named interim coach following the firing of Ken McDonald on Jan. 5.

A news conference is scheduled Monday to discuss the decision.

Harper has a 4-7 record since taking over for McDonald and the Hilltoppers (9-18, 5-9 Sun Belt Conference) are on their way to their first losing season in 12 years.

But attendance numbers have risen each of the last four home games, a key benchmark Bjork looked at when he decided to let McDonald go.

Harper led Division II Kentucky Wesleyan to two national titles and four runner-up finishes in a six-year span from 1998-2003. The NCAA later vacated the school's 2003 runner-up finish due to rules violations. — AP

OHIO

FROM A6

"We were worried about the Prescott girl and (Prop)," Coleman said. "They average like 30 points between 'em and one of 'em (has) 17 rebounds a game, the other one 10. I thought we did a pretty good job on both of 'em."

Ripley trailed 19-14 with 3:10 to go in the half before finally getting some jump shots to drop. Gilkerson connected on a jumper off the glass, Jaden Royal drained a trey, and Boone made a steal to lead to a Garrison 3.

Eagles sophomore Marissa Koob answered with a trey, but Garrison canned her second straight 3 and Jaden Royal hit another with 22 seconds to go in the half for a 28-22 Ripley lead at the break.

"(It) just seems like a confidence type of thing," Coleman said. "The first quarter and a half, they were down on themselves. The kids said, 'Well, let's run something else.' I said, 'We don't need to run anything else. We're getting the looks, they're just not falling, and let's keep attacking, see what we can do, and they'll start falling? (Then) we hit, what, three or four in a row to end the half."

CHCA climbed to with-

in 31-28 midway through the third period before Ripley's 8-0 spurt gave the Lady Jays their first double-digit lead. Hamilton scored down low, Niya Royal nailed a baseline jumper, Hamilton sank a J and Boone's steal led to Niya Royal's basket and a 39-28 edge with 1:17 to go in the third.

Ripley stretched that lead to 18 by scoring nine straight points late. Garrison sank a 3, Niya Royal drove the lane for a layup, and Boone scored down low, then hit two free throws to go up 52-34 with 2:35 remaining.

Georgetown 53, East Clinton 31

The Lady G-Men got 17 points from junior Jesse Kidwell and 14 from senior Casey Carter to win their 20th game of the season and their fifth straight after an uncharacteristic 2-2 stretch in late January.

It was Georgetown's third victory of the season against East Clinton, which played its last game as a Southern Buckeye Conference member. The school is set to join the South Central Ohio League in August.

Georgetown stymied the Astros in the first half, allowing just two points in the first quarter and 11 in the half. The offense wasn't as "fluid" as Lady G-Men coach Bernie Cropper would have liked to that point, though, as his team had 23 points af-

ter 16 minutes.

"Offensively we needed to get down the floor a little faster," Cropper said. "I thought we weren't moving well offensively, so we tried to get down the floor and try to get some easy baskets and also more movement on offense in the halfcourt, and I think that created some 3s for Jesse and Casey. Got some layups in transition, and all of a sudden it's a little bit easier. You got a little cushion there."

That cushion came as Georgetown outscored the Astros 20-6 in the third period, beginning with two Carter free throws, a Kidwell transition basket and one MacKenzi Carrington charity toss on the first three Lady G-Men possessions.

East Clinton's Beth Huffman drove the lane for a layup before a Carter steal and Megan Hatfield's jumper. Casey then drained back-to-back treys, sandwiched around a putback from Jessica Wiget, who led East Clinton with eight points.

Hatfield hit a transition layup, Morgan Gast collected an offensive board and hit a stickback, and Hatfield's steal led to Kidwell's 3 for a 43-15 Georgetown lead, its largest, with 1:45 to go in the third period.

That was well more than sufficient, coupled with the Lady G-Men's defensive effort.

"We were just trying to put a lot of ball pressure and extend our defense out," Cropper said. "We didn't want 'em to be able to catch it and look at the block, so we tried to again take away a lot of their entries and force 'em out wider on the floor, make it a little tough for 'em to get it inside."

Both Cropper and Coleman made a point of using the phrase "fundamentally sound" to describe the other's team in the lead-up to Thursday's game, a rematch of Georgetown's 52-39 win Dec. 10 in Ripley in both teams' fifth game of the season.

Cincinnati Hills

Christian Academy 11 11 9 7-38

Ripley 12 16 11 13-52

CHCA: Prop 11, Prescott 10, Koob 7,

Taylor 6, Debo 0, Koopman 2, Bate 2,

Ross 0, Visagie 0, Russell 0, Huffer 0,

Shiveley 0. Total 38.

R: Hamilton 12, N. Royal 11, Garrison 9, Gilkerson 8, Boone 6, J. Royal 6, B.

Payne 0, Bowling 0, H. Payne 0, Fyffe 0, Pfeffer 0, Wright 0. Total 52.

3-pointers: Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy 2 (Koop, Prop), Ripley 5 (Garrison 3, J. Royal 2).

Records: Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy 11-9, Ripley 14-7.

Georgetown 11 12 20 10-53

East Clinton 2 9 6 14-31

G: Kidwell 17, Carter 14, Carrington 5,

Pack 3, Whitaker 2, Hatfield 6, Gast 4,

Sullivan 2, Jones 0, Keith 0, Smith 0,

Dowd 0. Total 53.

EC: Wiget 8, Spurlock 6, Ostrander 4,

Huffman 4, Finley 2, Bond 5, Bean 2,

Hamberger 0. Total 31.

3-pointers: Georgetown 5 (Kidwell 3,

Carter 2), East Clinton 3 (Spurlock 2, Bond).

Records: Georgetown 20-2, East Clinton 5-16.

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MONDAY, FEB. 20

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Mason County vs. St. Patrick, 8 p.m.

39th District tournament at Bracken County

Lewis County vs. Russell, 8 p.m., 63rd

District tournament at Greenup County

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Mason County vs. St. Patrick,

6:30 p.m., 39th District tournament at Bracken County

Fleming County vs. Menifee County, 8 p.m., 61st District tournament at Bath County

Lewis County at Greenup County, 6 p.m., 63rd District tournament

Times subject to change

SPORTS ON TV

MONDAY, FEB. 20

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 P.M.

ESPN – UConn at Villanova

9 P.M.

ESPN – Baylor at Texas

NBA BASKETBALL

4 P.M.

ESPN – Atlanta at Chicago

8 P.M.

TNT – Boston at Dallas

10:30 P.M.

TNT – Portland at L.A. Lakers

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 P.M.

NBCSN – Washington at Carolina

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

2 P.M.

ESPN – Notre Dame at Louisville

7 P.M.

ESPN2 – Ohio St. at Penn St.

9 P.M.

ESPN2 – Vanderbilt at Kentucky

SPORTS CALENDAR**BASEBALL**

Maysville Knothole is seeking managers for the 2012 season. For more information, call Larry W. Dunaway at 606-584-7605.

BASKETBALL

The Lewis County Hoops Mania Tournament for boys in grades 3-6 will be held on Feb. 25-26 in the middle school and high school gyms.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, call Todd Ruckel at 606-202-1406 or Joe Hampton at 606-776-7980.

The third annual Roundball Classic is March 10-11 at Lewis County High School, Lewis County Middle School and Central Elementary gyms and is sponsored by the LCHS football program.

Entry fee is \$100 per team. For more information, call John Holder at 606-796-2531 or 606-202-3099 or Harlan "Bub" Lee at 606-798-6006 or

606-301-1048.

RUNNING

The Lewis County High School baseball team is hosting "The Roaring Lion" 5K walk/run March 10 in Vanceburg at 11 a.m. Registration is \$20, which includes a T-shirt. Day-of-race registration is at Trace Creek Construction beginning at 9 a.m. For more information, call Keith Prater at 606-796-2823 or email keith.prater@lewis.kyschools.us or call Kenny Ruckel at 606-541-6244 or email kdruckel@gmail.com.

SOCER

Itty Bitty Indoor Soccer for kids ages 3-6 is coming to the Limestone Family YMCA beginning Feb. 22. Games are Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Cost is \$30 for YMCA members and \$40 for non-members. For more information, call Harry Lewis at 606-564-6772.

THIS DAY IN SPORTS

FEB. 20

1887 – The International Association, the first minor league baseball association, is organized in Pittsburgh.

1971 – En route to a record 76-goal season, Boston's Phil Esposito

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other intercollegiate sports. LIU revives basketball in 1957.

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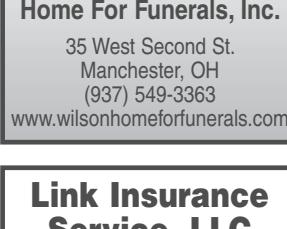


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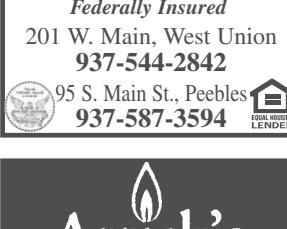
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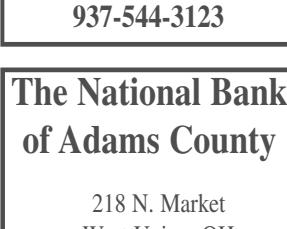
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Postseason outlooks

MANCHESTER

It will be hard to match what Manchester did in last year's post-season, when the team won four games and advanced all the way to the regional championship before falling in overtime to Harvest Prep.

It was the Greyhounds' first regional finals appearance since 1928. It also was the team's second district title since 1951.

Partly based on that success, Manchester was awarded a No. 4 seed in this year's tournament.

However, this season's club has struggled with consistency, despite returning starters Travis Combs (20.4 points, 10.3 rebounds, 4.3 steals and 3.0 assists per game), Dalton West (11.9 ppg and 5.7 rpg) and Dylan Ricketts (9.1 ppg and 5.5 apg), who are three of the team's seven seniors.

What the team does best is play in transition. The Greyhounds have an athletic bunch that can get up and down the floor and put points on the board in bunches. Combs is capable of scoring at will and Ricketts has put together several games with double digits in assists. But, playing defense effectively for four quarters is the key.

"We have to play as one. We have to value each possession defensively and offensively, sit down and get stops, and counter runs," Lockhart said. "We have not always valued each possession. Basketball is a game of runs. We can make runs, but we are not good at countering runs."

Manchester has multiple players who can score, including starters Kyle Adams (7.7 ppg) and Braxton Gaffin (8.1 ppg), and the team shoots 51 percent from 2-point range, but it is defense and rebounding that win championships. Lockhart will call upon senior forward Malachi Evans, senior wing Dalton Walters and freshman guard Austin Smith to help in those areas.

"We have to shoot well. Several guys can score, but we have to rebound," Lockhart said. "The road ahead is very tough, but we are very capable to make a run like last year if we come together and do what we have to do individually."

Despite falling just short of making it to Columbus last winter, the Greyhounds continued a recent tradition of winning sectional titles by claiming its fourth straight.

In order to continue that streak, Manchester will have to upend a pair of familiar foes: Southern Hills League counterpart fifth-seeded Fairfield and top-seeded Racine Southern.

LADY GREYHOUNDS

Progress can be measured in many ways.

For Manchester coach P.J. Wagner, it was winning one fewer game than last season.

Why would he be excited about that?

The Lady Greyhounds had essentially no returning letter winners from last year's team that won their first sectional game in 21 seasons.

In fact, Manchester did not even field a junior varsity squad this winter, so all of the players, each essentially knew to varsity competition, had to learn on the fly.

Using that frame of reference, finishing 8-12 sounds pretty im-

GREYHOUNDS

RECORD:

12-8 (6-7 SHL, third in Division II)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT:

No. 5 Fairfield

Tuesday, Feb. 28,
6:15 p.m., Valley HS

LADY GREYHOUNDS

RECORD:

8-12 (4-9 SHL, third in Division II)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT:

No. 5 St. Joseph Central

Wednesday, Feb. 15,
8 p.m., Northwest HS

WEST UNION

It is hard to get excited about the postseason chances of a team that has only won once in each of the last three seasons, but West Union's second-year head coach Nick Rymer has reason to be.

On Friday, the Dragons snapped a 35-game slide with a victory over Southern Hills League Division II runner-up Fairfield.

It was the first SHL victory for any of the players on the West Union roster.

The Dragons came close to earning that elusive win the day before at Lynchburg-Clay, but everything fell into place on Friday.

Amazingly enough, the Dragon seniors have a chance to win another SHL game, because as the 11 seed they drew sixth-seeded Lynchburg-Clay, the team that defeated them 40-36 on Thursday.

"I told the guys, we don't stop here. This has been a long time coming, but starting now is where it matters and we are in a perfect spot," Rymer said. "We did exactly what exactly needed to do to make up that four-point deficit, but we'll have to do everything well and I think we are at that point now."

Senior point guard Tanner Huntley had 24 points in the win over Fairfield and leads the team this season at 10.2 points and 4.0 assists per game. Senior forward Austin Kingsolver (6.0 ppg and 3.0 rebounds per game) and senior guard Bryce Kramer (5.2 ppg and 3.0 apg) have also made their presence known down the stretch.

Sophomore wing A.J. Frost (8.0 ppg and 5.0 rpg), junior forward Logan McUne (6.0 ppg and 3.0 rpg), junior forward Levi McUne (4.3 ppg and 6.0 rpg) and sophomore Bobby Welch (2.0 ppg and 2.0 apg) have also played key roles this season.

One game may not make a season, but two might ... at least in West Union's case. Rymer says the team has improved in every phase of the game. Now the trick will be sustaining that momentum.

"It is exactly what needed before we got into the tournament. We know we can play with Lynchburg. We know what they do. (Thursday) night we didn't box out and that killed us," he said. "Overall, we have to play to the utmost potential, do everything right to get better, from defense to layups, focus on all areas of the game and do them well every single night, then see what happens."

LADY DRAGONS

Despite posting just four wins for the second straight season, West Union coach Shannon Staggs is relatively pleased with the progress of the team in his second year at the helm.

"We've had eight varsity wins in the last two years and 11 JV (junior varsity) wins in the last two years," he said. "In the five previous years, they'd only won seven total between the varsity and the JV."

The Lady Dragons are also relatively young, so the potential for increased growth is there.

West Union has three seniors: Jaycee Cox (6.3 points per game), Caitlyn Baldwin (3.3 ppg) and Jamie Graham (1.6 ppg), but the rest of the team combines to average

DRAGONS

RECORD:

1-18 (1-12 SHL, fifth in Division I)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT:

No. 6 Lynchburg-Clay

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 8 p.m.,
Waverly HS

LADY DRAGONS

RECORD:

4-16 (1-12 SHL, fifth in Division I)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT:

No. 5 Portsmouth West

Wednesday, Feb. 15,
8 p.m., Valley HS

26.6 points and 20.2 rebounds per game.

"Caitlyn Baldwin tore multiple ligaments in the summer and her first game back was on Dec. 15 against Fairfield. She has been afraid to push herself for fear of getting reinjured," Staggs said. "Caitlyn fought back and finished the year strong. She is a super kid and had been our spark before she got injured."

Yet, even with the injuries and the inexperience, West Union has made significant progress.

"We are still pretty young in the learning process. Our fundamentals are pretty behind, but the last two years we've really hammered them," Staggs said. "We've cut down our turnovers significantly from last year, shot better and our defense has improved."

Sophomore wing Natasha Barr (12.2 ppg, 7.8 rpg and 2.2 steals per game) leads the youth movement. She was the Lady Dragons' representative on the All-SHL team. Junior Logan Mason (6.7 ppg, 3.0 rpg, 1.1 spg and 1.2 assists per game) and freshmen Tess Burns (4.2 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 2.2 spg and 2.0 apg) and Taylor Martin (3.9 ppg and 1.9 rpg) are also budding stars in the program.

"This season has been a stepping stone and a learning process, and we're heading down the right road," Staggs said. "The last five games were really tough games, all against top seeds in their sectionals. The scores don't look great, but it's tough to play well against those teams and our young kids have really stepped up lately."

That may be a good sign for the 12th-seeded Lady Dragons as they head into the postseason.

"We were concerned about low confidence and poor momentum, but we are trying to make things positive. We had high expectations coming into the year, but we lost to Manchester twice and that hurt us. And then losing to Whiteoak really, really hurt us," Staggs said. "But, we're trying to make it a positive thing and the tournament is where it really counts."

West Union has not had a winning season since 2000-01 and has only won one sectional in the history of the program (1987-88), but the team's young players, including those on the junior varsity will get a chance to snap that string.

See DRAGONS, A10

PEEBLES

For a Peebles' team that graduated both members of its starting backcourt, a pair which averaged a combined 44 points per game, most would have expected a substantial drop off from its 20-2 record.

However, that was not the case.

It even surprised coach Josh Arey, whose club finished 15-5 and earned a No. 2 seed in the upcoming post-season tournament.

"After losing the caliber of players we lost last year I expected to be around 13-7 or 12-8, but if it weren't for a few unlucky breaks, we could have been 17-3 or 18-2," he said. "The kids had a tremendous season and far exceeded our expectations. We even won the county tournament and our goal always is to win the SHL (Southern Hills League) and we came up just a game short."

So, it is safe to say Peebles is more than just Blake Justice, one of the all-time leading prep scorers in Ohio history. There are several Indians who can flat out play.

Among that group are the team's two returning starters, 6-foot-6 senior center

Jacob Daniels (15.0 ppg, 12.5 rpg, 3.3 blocks per game, who converts 60.5 percent of his field-goal attempts) and 5-10 junior guard Trent Arey (11.1 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 7.7 assists and 3.0 steals per game), the coach's son.

Juniors Matthew McAdow (7.6 ppg, 2.7 rpg and 2.1 apg), Josh Chandler (7.4 ppg and 4.5 rpg), Mason Johnson (4.6 ppg and 3.5 rpg), Tyler Porter (4.3 ppg), and senior Adam King each really stepped up to replace the Indians' personnel losses.

Last year Peebles was known for its offense, this season's team excels on the other end of the floor.

"The defensive side of the basketball has been our strength from the beginning of the season to the end. We do a great job of keeping in front of our guy and we always have help," coach Arey said. "I've said 'Our ball pressure makes us good, but our help makes us great' and these kids responded well to that. Our basketball IQ is extremely high. We're not athletic at all five positions, but our high IQ makes up for that."

It is those very qualities that

Postseason outlooks

RIPLEY

Ripley did not skip a beat when head coach Marty Adams took over this season for Mike Kennedy, who had led the club for the past 12 years and guided it to a 19-3 mark in his final campaign.

Adams, a varsity assistant and junior varsity and freshman head coach during Kennedy's tenure, had an experienced group to help with the transition. But, even he did not expect what the Blue Jays would end up doing this season.

"They've played together for years, know each other back and front, and work well together. Last year's (eight) grads were the team's guts and heart, and this year's guys were the scorers (on that team), but they have learned the heart and grit, and really wanted to get in and battle, and they've done that," Adams said.

Ripley opened the season by winning its first five games, but then the struggles began and the team dropped four of its next seven.

"We got off to a good start offensively and defensively, and were playing pretty good. Then we lost to Madeira, even though we played well, but after that we went into a five or six-game spell when we stopped guarding people," Adams said. "But, since then we've corrected that and held (the last) nine straight teams (to scoring) in the 50s."

Since it dropped a 58-49 decision at home to Eastern on January 20, the Blue Jays have reeled off eight straight wins.

"If we can get the guys to believe in buying in on the defensive end, we have a chance to win every game we play," Adams said. "We know we are good offensively, but we need to play good defense and if we do that we can score."

The Blue Jays have a dynamic offense with multiple players capable of putting up points from every spot on the floor. Ripley averaged 69 points per game this season, while shooting 52 percent from 2-point range and 34 percent from 3-point range.

The club features a balanced attack, led by seniors Logan Perkins (17.7 ppg and 8.4 rebounds per game), Jordan Mitchell (15.7 ppg, 3.3 rpg and 3.8 steals per game) and Gage Bradford (9.9 ppg and 2.4 assists per game). Three others play a significant offensive role — senior Riley Saelens (9.1 ppg and 6.5 rpg), senior Michael Haley (8.4 ppg and 3.7 rpg) and junior Donte Bennett (3.4 ppg, 3.1 rpg and 2.7 spg) — but also are major contributors on the glass and on defense.

Bennett, and juniors Brad Kirschner, Austin Brooks and Dylan Arnett come off the bench and provide the team a spark.

Despite another successful season, the Blue Jays were relegated to just a No. 10 seed in the upcoming tournament. But the squad, which includes six seniors and six juniors, has the experience of having been

BLUE JAYS

RECORD: 16-4 (10-3 SHL, won Division I)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT: No. 11 Mariemont

Friday, Feb. 24, 8 p.m.,
Western Brown HS

LADY JAYS

RECORD: 13-7 (8-5 SHL, second in Division II)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT: No. 7 Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.,
Wilmington HS

there before.

"We've seen the teams we'll face in our sectionals and districts, and the guys know what they've got to do to get wins," Adams said.

Ripley won its first-round sectional game in each of the last two years, with its most recent defeat coming in 2009 against this year's opening opponent Mariemont. The Blue Jays last won a sectional title in 2004.

"Our goal is to win the sectional final and then get to Dayton and win the district title. We've had five district winners (in school history) and our ultimate goal is to get to the district. Once you're there, anything can happen," Adams said. "We are going to have to guard people and rebound. Many teams will be bigger and more athletic, and we'll have to handle the other team's pressure.... We can't take a possession off on both ends of the floor. If we do make it out of the sectional and make the districts, we have a chance to go a long way. If we can beat those teams, we know we can beat other teams in the state."

LADY JAYS

Ripley has made significant strides in the postseason under fourth-year head coach Chris Coleman. The Lady Jays have won games in their sectional tournament in two of the three previous years. However, the team has not won a sectional title since 1993 and only done so twice in the school's history.

This club has a chance to break that streak.

The Lady Jays are seeded fourth entering this year's tournament, their highest since Coleman took over in 2008-09.

"We've got enough talent. We've just got to be more consistent. We can make a run, we've just got to come around," Coleman said.

Ripley increased its chances of earning that elusive title by taking a first-round bye.

See RIPLEY, A10

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GEORGETOWN

It has been a bounce-back year for Georgetown, but coach Jerry Underwood's club still has a lot of room to grow.

For a team used to winning Southern Buckeye Conference titles, finishing in third in its division is not quite up to par. However, at least this season the G-Men are back on the winning side of the ledger after posing just a seven-victory campaign last year.

Still a No. 14 seed in the postseason, even in its talent-rich district, is atypical for an Underwood club.

"We are very young, but I feel like we've done real well," he said. "I thought if we were .500 or better, we'd have had a productive season. We had very little varsity experience (coming into the year) and we graduated four senior starters."

Fear not G-Men fans. There is hope for the future, and the future begins this season.

"We have three freshmen, a sophomore and a junior as starters," Underwood said. "Our freshmen group is talented, even though they are playing against 18-year-olds who are bigger, stronger and quicker. Our physicality is behind."

Yet, the production is there, led by freshmen Gage Bradley (13 points and 5.9 rebounds per game), Jake Cropper (11.2 ppg and 3.8 rpg) and Jacob Miller (10.3 ppg, 4.3 rpg, 3.5 assists and 2.3 steals per game), as well as sophomore Bruce-Derrick Williams (7.9 ppg and 5.8 rpg).

"They have adjusted well in the second half of the season and improved. They have learned a lot about what they have to do to be better," Underwood said. "They know there is a tradition to uphold and they have to play hard and with a lot of intensity. Playing for the tradition of winning has put on 35 games in a row."

Since those freshmen played together on last year's highly successful junior high squad, they are used to each other's tendencies and abilities.

"They play well together and with a purpose. Our transition game is very good, but our half-court offense is a struggle because we are not quicker or stronger than our opponents," Underwood said.

Those are areas where the team's four key juniors come into play. Nathan Lewis, Logan Lucas, Tommy Stenger and Quin Sandlin all contribute significant minutes and bring experience. Lewis leads the group with eight points and 5.6 rebounds per game.

The young players' talent cannot overcome their physical immaturity and Underwood characterizes the team's greatest weakness is its overall lack of strength.

"It affects how we play," he said. "For us to be a great team (now), we have to be good in every part of the game. Our transition is good and our defense at times is good, but we are not always patient and disciplined in our half-court sets."

G-MEN

RECORD: 11-9 (6-4 SBC, third in National Division)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT: No. 17 Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy

Saturday, Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m., Turpin HS

LADY G-MEN

RECORD: 18-2 (10-0 SBC, won National Division)

FIRST-ROUND OPPONENT: No. 10 Felicity-Franklin

Wednesday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m., Wilmington HS

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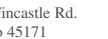
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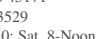
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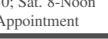




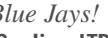




















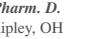








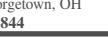
























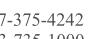


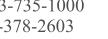


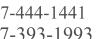


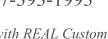












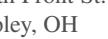




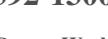










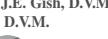




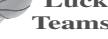




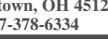


















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RIPLEY

FROM A9

The Lady Jays are relatively young with only one senior on the roster, but the team has a fair amount of experience playing in the postseason.

"Niya (Royal) and Tori (Boone) are both three-year varsity players, and they've got four or five tournament games under their belt and know what the pressure is all about. We have two others who have two or three (postseason) games under their belt, so they won't be overwhelmed and will know what to expect," Coleman said.

The Lady Jays will go as far as Royal (10.1 points, 6.3 assists and 4.2 steals per game) and junior Jessica Garrison (12.0 ppg, 2.5 rebounds per game and shooting 42 percent from the 3-point line) can carry them.

The pair makes a formidable backcourt and both earned All-SHL honors.

"Niya Royal is our point guard and we will go as far as she goes.

The ball is always in her hands. She makes good decisions and when she makes good decisions things go well. She sets the tone for what we do," Coleman said. "Our two guard, Jessica Garrison is a really good shooter who has shot the ball really well of late."

Boone (4.9 ppg and 6.1 rpg) and St. Patrick transfer Lydia Hamilton (7.8 ppg and 6.7 rpg), the team's lone senior, bolster an ever-improving post game.

Juniors Kody Gilkerson, Brianna Payne and Taylor Fyffe, and sophomore Jaden Royal, have also made significant contributions.

Yet, it has been an up-and-down season for the Lady Jays, who put together a six-game winning

streak in the middle of the year, but are just 5-4 in their last nine outings.

"We were picked to come in second (in the SHL) and that's where we finished. We won a few we shouldn't have and lost a few we didn't expect to," Coleman admitted.

"This bunch has the confidence to win a few games in the tournament. They've just got to be more consistent. We need to come out ready to play," he added.

Ripley wins when its transition game is rolling. The team is athletic and quick, and tries to use that to its advantage.

"We've done a better job taking care of the ball lately, but our strength has definitely been on the defensive end," Coleman said.

Ripley's chances of making a long tournament run and earning its first sectional title in 18 years will rest on the success of its offense.

EASTERN

FROM A9

But, the Lady Warriors have several capable scorers, including senior Andrea Tracy (9.0 ppg), junior Maria Johnson (8.2 ppg), freshman Kayla Seigla (6.1 ppg), sophomore Tressie Lewis (5.1 ppg) and junior Emily Turner (4.8 ppg).

The Lady Warriors average just 14.2 turnovers per game, but are only shooting 35.7 percent from the field, 28.5 percent from 3-point range and 58 percent from the foul line.

Eastern's lack of size and production in the

paint has also been an issue.

Seigla leads the team in rebounding at 7.3 per game. Lewis adds 5.6 rpg, with Johnson contributing 4.4 rpg and Tracy 3.1 rpg.

The Lady Warriors graduated seven seniors off last year's team that finished 20-5 and advanced all the way to the regionals, where they fell to eventual state runner-up Oak Hill. It was Eastern's second regional final appearance in the last five seasons and its fifth since the start of the century. The Lady Warriors have won their sectional every year since 2000.

"Only Allison Prine returned as a starter. In-

experience has been a key (to our struggles), but the girls have gotten better as the season has gone along," Burrows said. "We had a few injuries early in the season here and there, and we had a girl who missed some games last week. We had to blend together, and even without the injuries we hadn't played together much as a unit.

We are better now than we were. We run our offense better and our shot selection is better."

To continue its recent run of recent post-season success, Eastern's perimeter play will be critical, especially against first-round opponent Piketon.

G'TOWN

FROM A9

The Lady G-Men have no shortage of talent. Senior center Hannah Jones chips in five points per game, while sophomore MacKenzi Carrington (3.8 ppg) and freshman Morgan Gast have also been major contributors off the bench.

Like in the past, Georgetown has generated a lot of its success through its

transition game. The team also shoots well, both from the 3-point line and at the charity stripe.

Despite all of the team's success, it will not be a cakewalk back to the regionals, where the Lady G-Men bowed out last year at the hands of eventual state champion Anna.

"Our defense has been inconsistent, but at times it has been key to our wins," Cropper said.

"We are not particularly strong, tall or physical, so

we have to have intensity and be sound fundamentally," Cropper added.

Despite having the No. 1 seed, Georgetown elected to play right away and not sit and wait to see who its first opponent would be.

Georgetown is no stranger to post-season success. In addition to last year's run to the regionals, the Lady G-Men have won the sectionals in four of the last five years, despite playing arguably the toughest competition in the state.

DRAGONS

FROM A8

"West is very good. Tori Leader is a junior who has scored 1,000 points and has 800 rebounds for her career. Taylor Conley is also pretty good. They don't have one senior on their team. They play physical and can score," Staggs said of his first-round sectional opponent. "It will be a real

challenge for the ball club. We've got to concentrate on Tori Leader and get the ball out of her hands.

We are going to try to go to a 1-2-2 trap to slow her down. She averages 22 points and 15 rebounds a game, and if we can cut that in half we'll have a chance."

Besides slowing down West's talented players, the Lady Dragons will have to do some things better in the postseason than they did during the

regular season, if they want to advance in the tournament.

"We've struggled scoring all year, and we've got to score. We've got to make shots, hit free throws and take care of the basketball. West doesn't handle the ball well, so we will try to press them," Staggs said. "We think we can take advantage of our length in the press, but we've got to shoot the ball better and take care of ball."

MANCHESTER

FROM A8

"They have a sense of what last year's team did. (This group is) a young

team, a new team, but being mentally prepared is going to be the key," Wagner said.

"Most of them rode the bus with us last year and two of the kids (Rideout and Adams) played key

roles in the sectional last year. Most of them are aware of what it takes (to win)."

Still, Wagner thinks his team has the ability to capture another sectional title.

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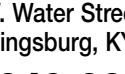
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German govt, opposition agree on new president

JUERGEN BAETZ
Associated Press

BERLIN | Germany's government and the two major opposition parties said Sunday they would jointly nominate former East German human rights activist Joachim Gauck to be the country's next president.

The 72-year-old Gauck is a former Lutheran priest who opposed East Germany's then-communist regime and became head of a federal agency dealing with the painful past of the Communists' ubiquitous domestic intelligence service after Germany's reunification in 1990.

Merkel said at a hastily called news conference that her center-right coalition government, and the center-left opposition rallied behind Gauck, who was initially proposed by the opposition Social Democrats and Greens. He is not a member of any political party.

"What moves me the most, is that a man who was still born during the gloomy, dark war, who grew up and lived 50 years in a dictatorship ... is now called to become the head of state," Gauck said. "This is of course a very special day in my life."

Merkel, who as Gauck grew up in then-communist East Germany or the GDR, said their life stories strongly connect them. "We have both spent a part of our life in the GDR and our dream of freedom has become true in 1989."

The chancellor stressed that clergymen such as Gauck were at the forefront of the protests that eventually brought down the Communist regime.

Christian Wulff, 52, quit as president Friday after prosecutors asked parliament to strip him of his immunity from prosecution over accusations of improper ties to business-

men. The move followed two months of allegations he received favors such as a favorable loan, and hotel stays from friends when he was state governor of Lower Saxony.

Wulff was Merkel's candidate when elected less than two years ago, triumphing at that time over Gauck in a messy election.

Opposition leader Sigmar Gabriel therefore took a jibe at Merkel at their joint news conference at Berlin's chancellery, saying "it is now evident that all involved regret that Joachim Gauck failed to get elected (in 2010), therefore it is good that we now have him

as joint candidate."

When Wulff resigned, Merkel immediately said she would work with the Social Democrats and Greens to find a consensus candidate to succeed him.

Merkel appeared eager to quickly resolve the troublesome issue, bringing an end to the scandal that had engulfed Wulff, allowing her to refocus on fixing Europe's debt crisis.

The Greens' leader Claudia Roth said: "Joachim Gauck is someone who is able to restore radiance to democracy."

"Gauck will restore the respect for the office, will restore dignity" after the

presidency became tainted by Wulff's scandal, she added.

Gauck urged Germans not to make him out to be a "superman" or a "man without faults," but pledged to do his utmost to restore a sense of pride to the nation, telling them "that they live in a good country that they can love because it gives them the wonderful possibility to enjoy freedom in a rich life."

While his name widely circulated as the opposition's favorite, it wasn't clear until late Sunday whether the governing coalition would rally behind the candidate.

RIGHTS

FROM A1

"I see a violation of civil rights here," said Tanweer Haq, chaplain of the Muslim Student Association at Syracuse. "Nobody wants to be on the list of the FBI or the NYPD or whatever. Muslim students want to have their own lives, their own privacy and enjoy the same freedoms and opportunities that everybody else has."

In recent months, the AP has revealed secret programs the NYPD, built with help from the CIA, to monitor Muslims at the places where they eat, shop and worship. The AP also published details about how police placed undercover officers at Muslim student associations in colleges within the city limits; this revelation has outraged faculty and student groups.

Though the NYPD says it follows the same rules as the FBI, some of the NYPD's activities go beyond what the FBI is allowed to do.

Kelly and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg repeatedly have said that the police only follow legitimate leads about suspected criminal activity. On Sunday, the mayor's office referred any further comment to the NYPD.

But the latest documents mention no wrongdoing by any students.

In one report, an undercover officer describes accompanying 18 Muslim students from the City College of New York on a whitewater rafting trip in upstate New York on April 21, 2008. The officer noted the names of attendees who were officers of the Muslim Student Association.

"In addition to the regularly scheduled events (Rafting), the group prayed at least four times a day, and much of the conversation was spent discussing Islam and was religious in nature," the report says.

Praying five times a day is one of the core traditions of Islam.

Jawad Rasul, one of the students on the trip, said he was stunned that his name was included in the police report.

"It forces me to look around wherever I am now," Rasul said.

But another student, Ali Ahmed, whom the NYPD said appeared to be in charge of the trip, said he understood the police department's concern.

"I can't blame them for doing their job," Ahmed said. "There's lots of Muslims doing some bad things and it gives a bad name to all of us, so they have to take their due diligence."

City College criticized the surveillance and said it was unaware the NYPD was watching students.

"The City College of New York does not accept or condone any investigation of any student organization based on the political or religious content of its ideas," the college said in a written statement. "Absent specific evidence linking a member of the City College community to criminal activity, we do not condone this kind of investigation."

Browne said undercover officers go wherever people

PEACE

FROM A1

But differences have emerged in how to respond to the perceived threat.

The U.S. and the European Union have both imposed harsh new sanctions targeting Iran's oil sector, the lifeline of the Iranian economy. With the sanctions just beginning to bite, they have expressed optimism that Iran can be persuaded to curb its nuclear ambitions.

On Sunday, Iran's Oil Ministry said it has halted oil shipments to Britain and France in an apparent pre-emptive blow against the European Union. The semi-official Mehr news agency said the National Iranian Oil Company has sent letters to some European refineries with an ultimatum to either sign long-term contracts of two to five years or be cut off. The 27-nation EU ac-

counts for about 18 percent of Iran's oil exports.

Israel has welcomed the sanctions. But it has pointedly refused to rule out military action and in recent weeks sent signals that its patience is running thin.

Israel believes a nuclear-armed Iran would be a threat to its very existence, citing Iran's support for Arab militant groups, its sophisticated arsenal of missiles capable of reaching Israel and its leaders' calls for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Last week, Israel accused Iran of being behind a string of attempted attacks on Israeli diplomats in India, Georgia and Thailand.

There is precedent for Israeli action.

In 1981, the Israeli air force destroyed an unfinished Iraqi nuclear reactor.

And in 2007, Israeli warplanes are believed to have destroyed a target that foreign experts think was an unfinished

nuclear reactor in Syria.

Experts, however, have questioned how much an Israeli operation would accomplish. With Iran's nuclear installations scattered and buried deep underground, it is believed that an Iranian strike would set back, but not destroy, Iran's nuclear program.

There are also concerns Iran could fire missiles at Israel, get its local proxies Hezbollah and Hamas to launch rockets into the Jewish state, and cause global oil prices to spike by striking targets in the Gulf.

In an interview broadcast on CNN Sunday, Dempsey said Israel has the capability to strike Iran and delay the Iranians "probably for a couple of years. But some of the targets are probably beyond their reach."

He expressed concern that an Israeli attack could spark reprisals against U.S. targets in the Gulf or Afghanistan, where Ameri-

can forces are based.

"That's the question with which we all wrestle. And the reason that we think that it's not prudent at this point to decide to attack Iran," Dempsey said.

Describing Iran as a "rational actor," Dempsey said he believed that the international sanctions on Iran are beginning to have an effect. "For that reason, I think, that we think the current path we're on is the most prudent path at this point."

The arrival of White House National Security Adviser Tom Donilon was the latest in a series of high-level meetings between Israel and the U.S. Last month, Dempsey visited Israel, and next month, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to visit the White House.

Donilon was set to meet with Netanyahu late Sunday, and with Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak on Monday before leaving.

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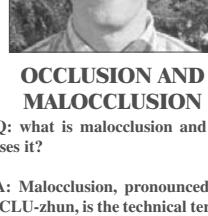
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Ask Dr. Adams



OCCLUSION AND MALOCCLUSION

Q: what is malocclusion and what causes it?

A: Malocclusion, pronounced maluh-CLU-zhun, is the technical term for a bite - the meeting of upper and lower teeth - that is not right. In proper occlusion, your upper front teeth will slightly overlap the lowers and the biting edges of the lowers will lightly touch the back surfaces of the uppers. Good occlusion is essential to chewing. The chewing surfaces of the lower teeth will be just inside the uppers, so that the cusps - the points on a tooth - match the teeth's central grooves. And the lower molars and premolars will be a bit forward of the corresponding upper teeth.

Malocclusion can be a genetic problem or it can come about as a result of a bad habit like thumb-sucking, tongue thrusting and the use of a pacifier after age three. Some cases of malocclusion can be solved with orthodontic treatment. As we age, lost teeth, crowns and other dental appliances can contribute to malocclusion. X-rays are sometimes needed, and your dentist or orthodontist may need to make a plaster or plastic mold of your teeth. Talk with your dentist about any steps you might need to correct your bite.

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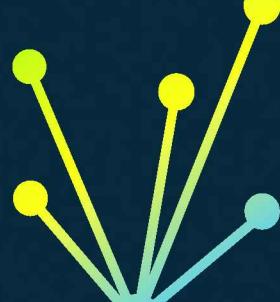


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Pull off the husk from the fresh tomatillos before using.

EASY ENTERTAINING WITH APPETIZERS, SOUPS AND EASY DESSERTS

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Trends in entertaining in the past were big dinners, and hostesses would get out the best china, silverware and crystal. In most households; the formal style of dining is now saved for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter.

I find people actually like finger foods, hot soups and bite-sized desserts. You can prepare such a variety in a short time and save a few last minute chores for your friends or family. This gives the hostess time to enjoy the guests and not be a prisoner in the kitchen.

What's really fun and easy to prepare is your buffet table. Use attractive serving dishes and try to carry out the theme if there is one. Place foods at different heights and use a variety of shapes in serving dishes. Keep canned heat under hot dishes, use a slow cooker for soups, and use crushed ice in a container under seafoods or those with mayonnaise. With these precautions, the food can be out for several hours. Some great theme parties are Super Bowl, SEC conference games, Valentine's Day party, NCAA finals, any UK game, Ohio State or UofL, birthdays and anniversaries. Keep decorations simple and have a color scheme.

For healthier eating, watch the portion sizes of food items. Use small plates, mugs and not bowls. Set out plenty of fresh fruits and less sweet and salty snacks and the use of salmon and shrimp in recipes can also be a bit healthier.

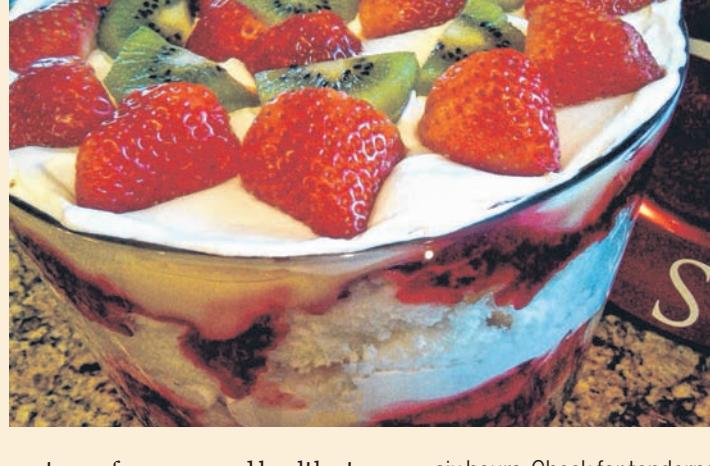
When planning a party, try to incorporate some items which aren't commonly used such as tomatillos. Tomatillos make great salsa, not hot and very colorful. Use your original recipe and substitute tomatillos for the chopped tomatoes. Use a few cups of broccoli rabe which you have sautéed in garlic on toasted Italian bread. Delicious and colorful. Broccoli rabe is similar to broccoli, it is a floweret and delicious. When serving tossed salad, top with pomegranate seeds. They are delicious and full of fiber. Tomatillos, broccoli rabe and pomegranate seeds are all full of vitamins.

For soups, stews and chili, use the slow cooker for cooking and for serving. Plug the slow cooker in an outlet on a side table, and surround it with mugs, spoons and toppings. This is most popular in the winter months.

Recipes suggested for your next



Pork stew is spicy and delicious to eat on a cold winter evening



party are fun, easy and healthy to eat. These recipes are from friends and family and I have used them many times.

RUTH'S PORK STEW

(Very tasty, a bit spicy)
3 lbs. of pork cubes, browned
3 tablespoons of crushed garlic
3 large onions, chopped
Brown pork cubes in 1/4 cup of oil and then add garlic and onion. Drain good and place in a slow cooker.
Add:
18 oz. of tomato sauce
5 cups of water
3 small cans of peeled, diced green chilies
2 1/2 teaspoons of cumin
2 1/2 tablespoons of cilantro
2 1/2 tablespoons of chili powder
1/2 teaspoon of salt
1 teaspoon of pepper
8 raw potatoes, diced
5 carrots, thinly sliced

Place all ingredients including the meat in a slow cooker and cook on medium for

six hours. Check for tenderness. If the pork falls apart with a fork it is finished cooking. If not cook longer. Serve with cornbread.

ASHLEY'S HOMEMADE CHILI

2 1/2 lb. of lean ground round, browned
2 medium onions, diced
6 cups of chili beans, with liquid, medium hot
4 cups of canned diced tomatoes, with juice
3 cups of tomato sauce
3 tablespoons of chili powder
1 teaspoon of cumin
1 teaspoon of cinnamon
2 teaspoons of garlic powder
1/2 tablespoon of black pepper
2 teaspoons of salt
3 tablespoons of sugar

Brown the meat and drain. Place in a crock pot with all other ingredients. Heat on high for two hours and then turn to low for 6 hours.

See CHATTER, B2

SIMPLE TIPS FOR SUPER-COUPOSING

Back to Basics: Overage



Last week, I answered some frequently asked questions about multiple coupons. In this week's column, another beginner has a question about coupon overage — when the value of a coupon exceeds the cost of the item you're trying to purchase.

DEAR JILL,

If retailers get reimbursed for the face value of a coupon, why do some reduce the coupon's value when it exceeds the cost of the item you're purchasing? This seems like coupon fraud. The store profits by cheating the shopper out of the full value and pocketing the difference. One nationwide retailer gives the full coupon value to the customer, no matter what the sale price of the item may be, and it's spelled out in their coupon policy. This is something that really bothers me, and I am hoping you will have the answer. — MINDY C.

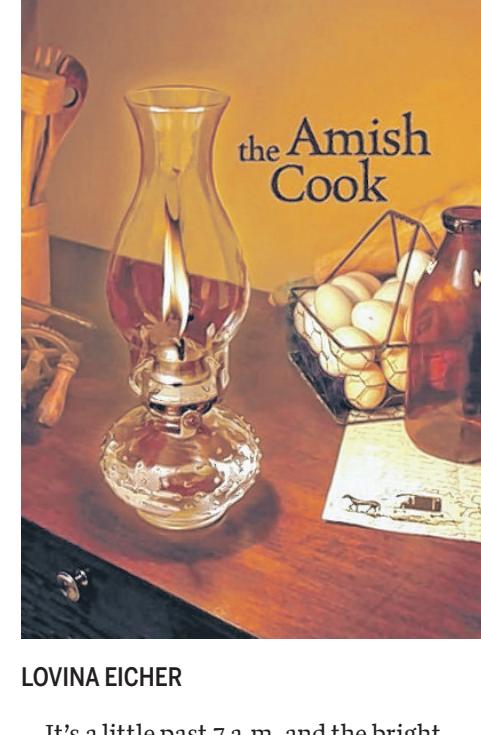
DEAR MINDY,

Coupon overage can be a tricky topic. If I have a \$4 coupon for a product that is on sale for \$2.99, I'll take it home for free. But what happens to that extra \$1.01? Do I get that back, or does the store get to keep it?

Both answers are correct. The store may opt to keep the overage, or it may pass the overage to the customer. If a store keeps the overage, the value of the coupon typically will be adjusted to match the selling price of the item. But, as you noted, the manufacturer will reimburse the store for the entire value of that coupon, so the store makes an additional profit on your purchase.

See TIPS, B2

THE AMISH COOK



LOVINA EICHER

It's a little past 7 a.m. and the bright glow in the eastern sky looks like a promise for a sunny day. The sun is always welcome at this time of the year. The ground is covered with snow again and the temperatures are colder. Finally feels like winter. Saturday morning our thermometer showed 6 degrees. The last few days the morning temperature has been around 20. The new stove is heating well and is saving us coal. It was high time for a new one.

I am making coffee. I don't drink coffee every morning but it feels like I need some this morning. I was up with daughter Lovina, 7, during part of the night. She came to our bedroom and told us she has to throw up. Before I could get her to our bathroom she threw up on our floor. Sigh. I thought she felt warm, so I took her temperature and it showed 103. After some fever reducer she is sleeping well. She didn't even wake up with the commotion of the other children getting ready for school.

When my children get sick and I am tending to their needs my thoughts often go back to my mother. She was always there for us when we were sick and I would often think "doesn't she ever get tired?"

Now that I see it from a mother's point of view it just seems natural to take care of them while they are sick. Sitting there in the middle of the night holding Lovina it makes me think of how fortunate and blessed we truly are.

See AMISH, B2

TIPS

FROM B1

While this may not seem fair, it's the store's right to determine how to handle overage. Keeping it may help a store offset losses from shoplifting, for example. Supermarkets operate on very small profit margins, so overage money helps the bottom line.

Of course, your store may opt to give coupon overage back, to the delight of shoppers! This typically happens one of two ways. The store might return the overage in cash. Or the store might automatically subtract the value of the coupon and let you immediately apply it to other items you're buying in the same transaction. Let's say that I buy a \$2.99 item with a \$4 coupon, and I also buy a second item that costs \$2. My total at the register after the coupon is 99 cents. The register automatically applies the \$1.01 overage to the second item.

In my experience, the cash back policy is not typical, although one major supermarket chain uses it. To determine how your store handles overages, ask at the service desk or look online.

Even if it is your store's policy to give cash back for an overage, note that some coupons may carry the statement, "If the value of the coupon exceeds purchase price, cash should not be given back to the consumer." The manufacturer is entitled to specify limits and restrictions on its own coupons. And in this case, the manufacturer clearly communicates that it will not reimburse the store for more than the actual sale price of the item. No matter how your store handles overage, don't get too caught up worrying where the additional money goes.

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CHATTER

FROM B1

Should be thick and tasty. Taste for salt, if needed add more.

Serve with warm cornbread.

BETH'S MINESTRONE SOUP

1 1/2 lbs. of sliced sausage links, outer skin removed
1 tablespoon of olive oil
1 heaping cup of diced onion
1 clove of garlic, mashed
1 heaping cup of thinly sliced carrots
1 teaspoon of basil
3 cups of diced tomatoes, peeled
4 cups of beef bouillon
2 cups of shredded cabbage
1 1/2 teaspoons of salt
1/4 teaspoon of pepper
1/8 cup of barley
16 oz. can of great white northern beans

Place all ingredients in a slow cooker and simmer for two hours on high. Turn down and simmer on low for six hours.

Sallie's Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce

Soak one cup of raisins in whiskey for two hours.

Take one loaf of stale bread and take the crust off. Break into pieces and discard the crust. Set aside.

MIX BREAD WITH:

4 cups of milk
2 cups of sugar
4 tablespoons of butter
2 tablespoons of vanilla
3 eggs, lightly beaten
Add:

Drained soaked raisins
1 cup of coconut flakes
2 cups of rough chopped pecans

Grease a casserole dish and pour all of the ingredients in the dish. Place in a cold oven. Then heat to 375 degrees F. Cook 75 minutes. Serve warm with Whiskey Sauce.

WHISKEY SAUCE:

1/2 cup of butter
1 cup of confectionery sugar

1 large egg yolk. Heat and boil this for two minutes. Add 1/4 cup of whiskey and cook one more minute. You can substitute two tablespoons of vanilla in place of whiskey. Serve over warm bread pudding and decorate with whipped cream and a cherry with stem.

Strawberry-Kiwi Trifle
2 quarts of strawberries, tops off and sliced longways
8-10 kiwi fruits, peeled and thinly sliced

2 3 oz. packages of instant vanilla pudding, mixed according to directions

1 small container of Cool Whip
one angel food cake, sliced in even size slices

In the bottom of a trifle dish place a layer of cake, fitting them together tightly. Place a layer of sliced strawberries and then go around the inside of the dish with sliced strawberries. These should be cut longways to look like hearts. Then add a layer of pudding, and a layer of Cool Whip. Then go around the inside of the dish with slices of kiwi fruit. Place another layer of cake, slices of kiwi, pudding, and Cool Whip. Then decorate the top with rings of slices of kiwi and rings of slices of strawberries. Refrigerate. This can be made six hours before serving.

SWEET-SOUR PASTA SALAD

1 box of spiral, colored pasta, cooked in salted water and drained

12 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
1 1/2 cups of broccoli rabe
1 large cucumber, peeled and diced

1 red and 1 green bell pepper, diced

1 medium sweet onion

16 oz. of sour cream
1 cup of Hellman's mayonnaise

2 tablespoons of sweet onion, grated

1 teaspoon of lemon juice
1 package of Knorr Vegetable Soup mix, dry mix

Drain the shrimp and then mix with the rest of the ingredients. Serve cold with crackers. This can be made the day ahead. Keeps well.

DWAYNE'S SHRIMP SPREAD

8 oz. of canned shrimp, chopped, and drained

Juice of one lemon

1 teaspoon of celery seed

8 oz. of cream cheese

1/2 cup of sour cream

1/2 teaspoon of garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon of salt

2 heaping tablespoons of Hellman's mayonnaise

1 teaspoon of dried dill

Drain the shrimp and then mix with the rest of the ingredients. Serve cold with crackers. This can be made the day ahead. Keeps well.

BRENDA'S SPINACH DIP

12 oz. package of frozen spinach, thawed and drained well

16 oz. of sour cream

1 cup of Hellman's mayonnaise

2 tablespoons of sweet onion, grated

1 teaspoon of lemon juice

1 package of Knorr Vegetable Soup mix, dry mix

Drain the spinach and chop; squeeze the spinach until it feels dry. Place in a bowl with all other ingredients. Mix well with a spoon. Refrigerate and serve with pumpernickel/rye bread pieces.

EVELYN'S SALMON SPREAD

1 can of salmon, take off skin and remove bones

8 oz. of cream cheese, room temperature

1 tablespoon of lemon juice

2 teaspoons of onion juice

2 teaspoons of grated

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ADVICE

Widow's heart is vulnerable to online suitor's charms

DEAR ABBY: One of my closest friends from childhood, "Penny," lost her husband of 30 years five months ago, after a short illness. We reconnected via the Internet and have become close again. It has been a blessing. Penny has moved back to California and has been to visit me a couple of times.

One of Penny's relatives signed her up on some online dating sites, and a seemingly nice man from across the country immediately contacted her with a beautiful email. She responded to him once, explaining her recent loss, and he has been courting her with extremely romantic daily emails ever since. Penny asked me for advice, and I told her that her loss is fresh and raw, and she should give herself time to grieve for her husband.

Penny has never been alone, and I know she's scared. However, I see big red flags and I'm worried about her. I advised that they should keep in casual contact, and if it's real now, it will still be real in another year. I think she needs time to heal.

Should I stay out of it and mind my own business, or should I reiterate my concerns? — **CONFICTED IN COASTAL CALIFORNIA**

DEAR CONFICTED:

I see nothing wrong with continuing to share your thinking with your friend. You gave her good advice. Although some beautiful relationships have been formed online, this one seems to have blossomed unusually quickly.

Encourage Penny to take her time, invite him to visit eventually, and go visit him so she can meet his friends and family and get to know him better. If it turns out that remarriage is in the cards, then suggest that she contact her lawyer and have a pre-nuptial agreement in place before the wedding.

DEAR ABBY: We are in our late 40s and have two elementary school-age children. My husband and I are actively involved in our church and at our children's school. However, we have no friends we can just hang out with. We used to be part of a



DEAR ABBY

small group of friends from church, but one family had a falling out with the others. Somehow

we got dragged into it, and now no one interacts with us anymore. The parents of our children's friends attend another church and have a group they're part of, but we are not.

When I was working, we could afford to have the kids in activities but there wasn't much time. Now that I am not working the time is there, but not the money. People our age have empty nests or are grandparents. We'd love to have friends, but we don't know how to resolve this. — **LEFT BEHIND IN SPARKS, NEV.**

DEAR LEFT BEHIND:

Why not invite your children's friends and their parents over? You already have something in common with them. If that doesn't work, a way to make new friends would be to sign your children up for affordable extra-curricular activities such as YMCA, YWCA, Little League or Scouting. That way, you'll meet other parents with similar interests. Another alternative would be for you and your husband to join a service club so you can meet others who contribute to the community.

If you give it a try you will widen your circle of acquaintances, which can lead to friendships.

DEAR ABBY: My husband left me after 38 years of marriage. All my adult life I have been known personally and professionally as "Mrs. Brown."

Now that I'm being divorced, can I legally still be known as Mrs. Brown?

— **KEEPING MY NAME**

DEAR KEEPING: Yes.

Although you will no longer be "Mrs. John Brown," you will be Mrs. JULIA

Brown or Ms. Brown if you prefer.

— **DEAR ABBY**

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Every February Yosemite waterfall turns to lava

TRACIE CONE
Associated Press

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. | A window of time just opened in Yosemite National Park when nature photographers wait, as if for an eclipse, until the moment when the sun and earth align to create a fleeting phenomenon.

This marvel of celestial configuration happens in a flash at sunset in mid-February — if the winter weather cooperates. On those days the setting sun illuminates one of the park's lesser-known waterfalls so precisely that it resembles molten lava as it flows over the sheer granite face of the imposing El Capitan.

Every year growing numbers of photographers converge on the park, their necks craned toward the ephemeral Horsetail Fall, hoping the sky will be clear so they can duplicate the spectacle first recorded in color in 1973 by the late renowned outdoors photographer Galen Rowell.

"Horsetail is so uniquely situated that I don't know of any other waterfall on earth that gets that kind of light," said Michael Frye, who wrote the book "The Photographer's Guide to Yosemite."

"How many are perched on a high open cliff? Most are in an alcove or canyon and won't get the sun setting behind it. Yosemite's special geography makes this fall distinctive," he said.

Four decades ago, photographers had only to point and shoot to capture

another famous Yosemite firefall — a man-made cascade of embers pushed from a bonfire on summer nights from Glacier Point.

But photographing Horsetail is a lesson in astronomy, physics and geometry as hopefuls consider the azimuth degrees and minutes of the earth's orbit relative to the sun to determine the optimal day to experience it. They are looking for the lowest angle of light that will paint Horsetail the colors of an iridescent sunset as rays reflect off granite behind the water. It materializes in varying degrees of intensity for the same two weeks every year.

"If you hit it at just the right time, it turns this amazing color of gold or red-orange," said Frye, a photo instructor with the Ansel Adams Gallery in the park.

Adams photographed the fall, but his iconic black and white images do not capture its fiery quality, and it's unclear whether he ever noted it.

To be successful in photographing the watery firefall, it takes luck and timing, and the cooperation of nature. Horsetail Fall drains a small area on the eastern summit of El Capitan and flows only in the winter and spring in years with adequate rain and snow, which is scarce this year. Experts say it doesn't take a lot of water for the fall to light up.

Most important, the southwestern horizon must be clear, and February is the time of year when storm

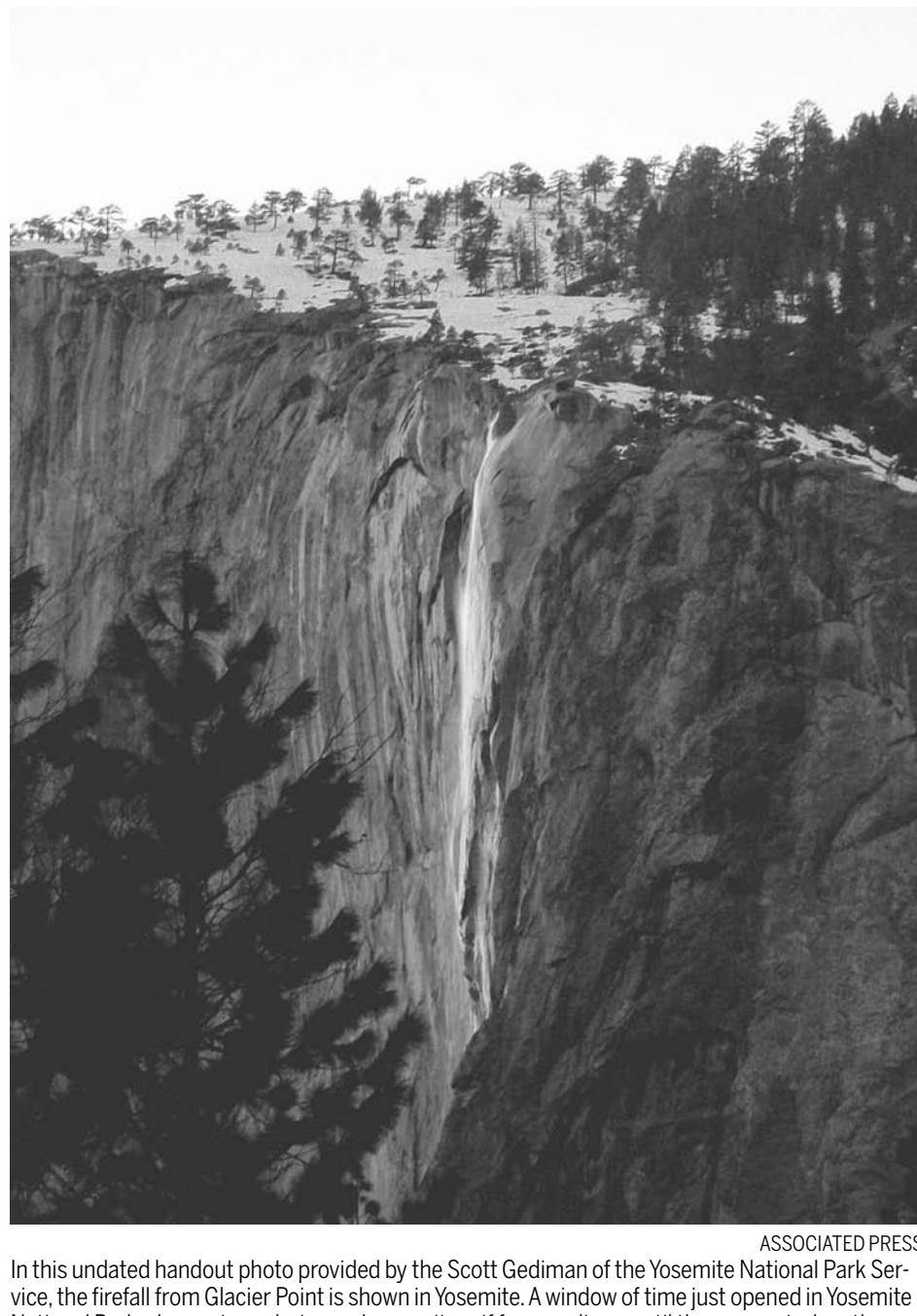
clouds often obscure the setting sun.

When conditions come together, the scrawny Horsetail Fall is the shining star of a park famed for its other waterfalls — raging Yosemite Fall and Bridalveil Fall. But Horsetail is the longest free-falling one, with a drop of 1,500 feet before it hits granite and spills another 500.

The fire lights up around dusk and lasts for about two minutes. The best views are east of El Capitan along the main roads into and out of Yosemite Valley. Most photographers gather at the El Capitan picnic area, a small pullout marked only by a sign with a table etched on it. But park officials say the inexperienced can look for the hordes of tripods and cameras to find a vantage point.

Recent storms and snowfall mean the finicky fall is flowing again, and park officials are hopeful it will last through February 24, which is generally the last day of the year it can be seen. Once an obscure event, park officials say that Internet discussions have made it more popular in recent years.

The popularity is reminiscent of an actual fiery fall that entertained guests in the park from 1930 to 1968. Each summer evening as the sun set, employees of the park concessionaire would build a huge red fir bark fire atop Glacier Point. At 9 p.m., as the fire burned down to embers and the Indian Love Song waned, someone would yell, "Let the fire fall!"



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In this undated handout photo provided by the Scott Gediman of the Yosemite National Park Service, the firefall from Glacier Point is shown in Yosemite. A window of time just opened in Yosemite National Park when nature photographers wait, as if for an eclipse, until the moment when the sun and earth align to create a fleeting phenomenon. This marvel of celestial configuration happens in a flash at sunset in mid-February — if the winter weather cooperates. On those days the setting sun illuminates one of the park's lesser-known waterfalls so precisely that it resembles molten lava as it flows over the sheer granite face of the imposing El Capitan.

Desk from FDR's office days heads to his New York estate

CHRIS CAROLA
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ALBANY, N.Y. | Franklin D. Roosevelt, insurance salesman?

While the future 32nd president of the United States didn't hawk policies, he did spend most of the 1920s working for a Maryland-based insurance company. After his failed attempt to get elected vice president in 1920, the position allowed him to mine the political and financial contacts he would need when he next ran for public office.

Now, the wooden desk that FDR worked at during his eight-year stint as a business executive is being donated to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and Museum in New York's Hudson Valley.

"This desk is what FDR used to maintain his public connections," said Bob Clark, supervisory archivist at the FDR presidential library in Hyde Park, 75 miles north of New York City. "We're delighted to have it."

The 300-pound walnut executive desk, made around 1920, is owned by Zurich American Insurance Co., based near Chicago. The company, a subsidiary of Switzerland-based Zurich Financial Services Group, is donating the desk to the FDR library as part of the company's commemoration of 100 years of doing business in America.

Roosevelt's employment with a company later purchased by Zurich is a lesser-known but still important segment of his pre-White House days, according to a business history expert.

"He was able to make the connections between all the players," said Bruce Weinruch, founder and CEO of The History Factory, a Virginia-based consulting firm that worked with Zurich on the FDR desk project.

The desk nearly got lost in the shuffle of a corporate office move in the mid-1980s, when the Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Baltimore was relocating its Manhattan operations. The New York staff asked an executive at the company's Baltimore headquarters what they should do with one of the old desks, since the new offices had no room for clunky vintage furniture.

The executive had the desk shipped to his Baltimore office.

According to Zurich officials, not long after the desk arrived, the executive attended a retirement luncheon for a longtime employee of the company's Manhattan clerical staff. The executive was informed by the retiree and one of her contemporaries that the old desk he had was in fact the same one FDR used. Later, another company executive had a plaque placed on an inside panel identifying the desk as FDR's during his tenure with Fidelity and Deposit from 1921 to 1928.

It was Baltimore newspaper publisher and Fidelity and Deposit executive Van

Lear Black who hired Roosevelt to work for the insurance company, hoping the former assistant secretary of the Navy would use his contacts to boost business. After losing the 1920 election as Democratic presidential candidate James Cox's running mate, Roosevelt was on the company payroll Jan. 1, 1921.

"Van Lear Black thought he'd be a good vice president in charge of the New York City office because he had good connections," said the FDR library's Clark, "and he'd essentially serve as a rainmaker for the company."

Roosevelt contracted polio just months after he was hired to run the Manhattan

office, which specialized in insuring government and corporate contracts. His well-known story of striving to overcome the resulting paralysis of his lower body overshadows his career as a business-

man, Weinruch said. He said FDR's office job at 120 Broadway helped him deal with his daily physical challenges.

"It was a very important part of his rehabilitation," he said.

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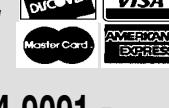
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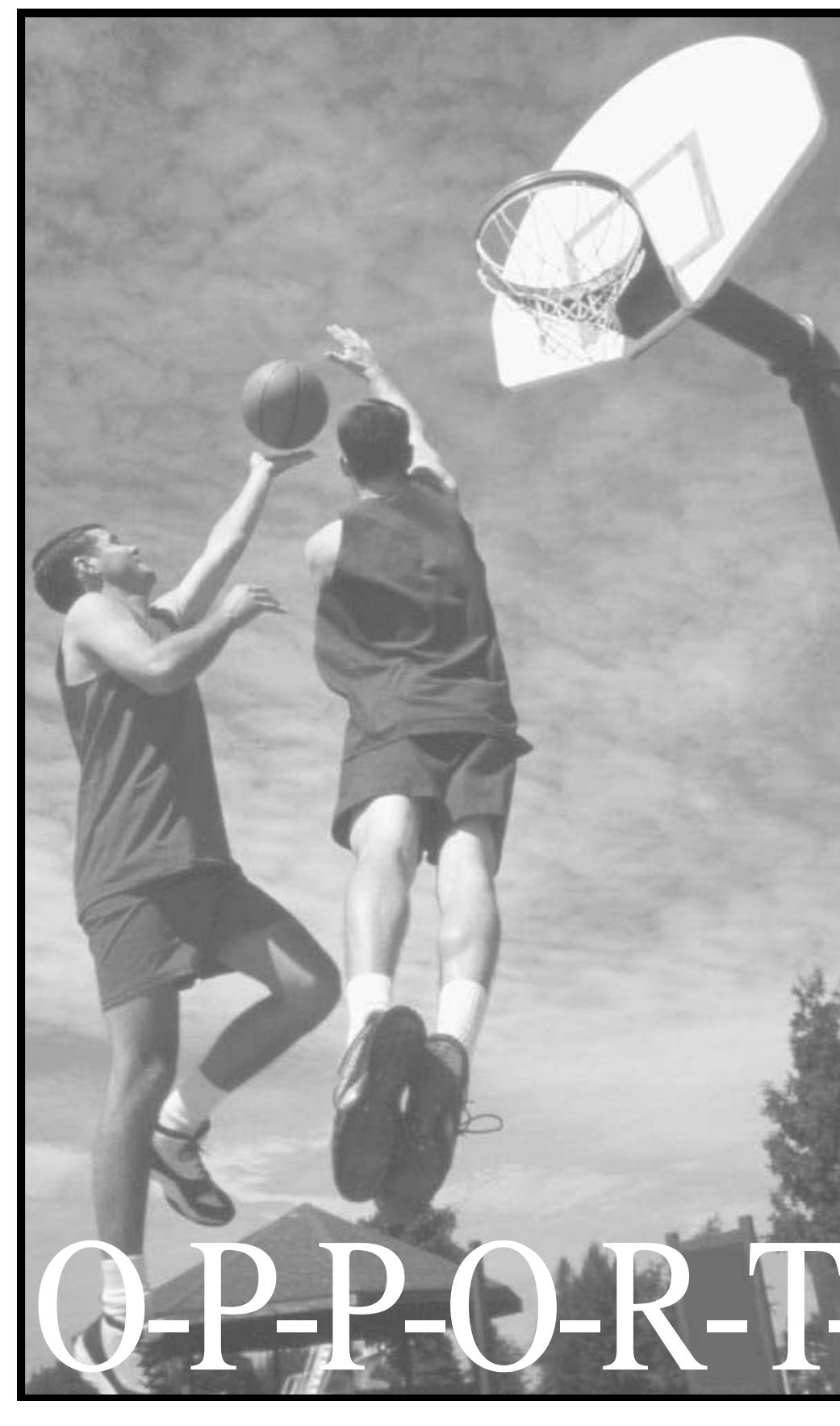
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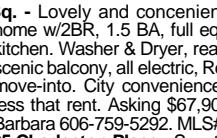
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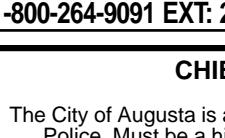
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